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Arafat hails Washington Declaration

GAZA CITY (AFP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat welcomed a joint declaration signed Monday by King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington aimed at Jaraeh Prime Minister Litzhak Kaom in Washington aimed at formally ending 46 years of war. "I appreciate very much what has been done and I congratulate" President Bill Clinton, King Hussein and Mr. Rabin, Mr. Arafat said here. The Monarch and Mr. Rabin signed a declaration effectively ending 46 years of war and paving the way to a full peace treaty. "This is a continuation of the peace process, for an everlasting peaceful solution in the whole area," Mr. Arafat told reporters at an inauguration ceremony for a temporary port in Gaza. Mr. Arafat expressed hope that Syria and Lebanon would follow suit, and said the declaration would also help with Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

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Christopher plans another Mideast trip

WASHINGTON (AFP) - U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced Monday that he will make another visit to the Middle East in the first half of August to encourage peace talks between Israel and Syria. "We will continue working hard on that track," Mr. Christopher said when asked what the chances were of Israel and Syria reaching a peace accord by the end of the year. " am returning to the region some time during the first half of August. We will see if we can make some progress then," he told a White House news conference after Israel and Jordan had signed a declaration ending 46 years of hostilities. Mr. Christopher also said it was possible that the United States would write off Jordan's existing debt. Mr. Christopher said that the administration had already started discussions of easing Jordan's debt burden with key members of Congress. President Bill Clinton telephoned Syrian President Hafez Al Assad shortly after King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed the Washington Declaration on the White House lawn Monday, a high-ranking administration

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Israel pledges to give priority to Jordan's historic role in Jerusalem

By Jordan Times Staff with agency dispatches

WASHINGTON - His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed here Monday an historic declaration remain in the hands of the bringing them closer to a ending 46 years of war and The Washington Declara-

by U.S. President Bill Clinthen quotas, police a ton, was ratified after the first summit between a Jordanian week to protect whiling a monarch and an Israeli leader at the White House. "What we have accom-

plished and we are committed to is the end to the state of war between Jordan and Israel," King Hussein said after the signing.

"We have been able to take an historic step which we hope and pray will be to the benefit of our peoples within our entire region, Jorda-nians, Israelis and others," the Monarch said.

"This is the moment of a mitment and of a vision,"

Sitting at the same desk used in 1979 for the peace munisters who escaped treaty between Egypt and establish Palestinian selfrule, King Hussein and Mr. Rabin promised "to bring an end to bloodshed and sorrow" between Jordan and

The King patted Mr. Rabin on the shoulder and they

shook hands. The King, who saw his grandfather, King Abdullah assassinated in 1951, defied today's extremists with a step designed to lead to a peace treaty. Glancing towards Mr. Rabin, who commanded Israeli forces in the 1967 war, King Hussein promised "we will meet as often as we are able and as required to shepherd this process."

Americans, Israelis and Jordanians sat on metal folding chairs, rapt by the history unfolding before them, but also wilting in the heat. They applanded every assertion of goodwill, and some fanned nselves to break the still

One of the most important

elements in the Washington Declaration, which officials said should be considered not as a declaration of principles but a summary of what has been happening in the past two and a half years of negotiations, is a clear Israeli undertaking to respect the "special role of the Hasheunite Kingdom of Jordan in Muslim holy shrines in Jeru-

When oegotiations on the permanent status will take place, Israel will give high priority to the Jordanian historic role in these shrines," the declaration says (see full

The King was visibly overcome by emotions.

"Out of all the days of my life, I do not believe there is one such as this in terms of the feelings, the emotions relating to a long, long struggle in memory of those who passed away, the memories of the victims of war, feelings towards the present and the future, feelings of responsibilities towards generations to come in Israel and Jordan, all the Arab World and our en-

tire region," he said Mr. Clinton, outlining details of the document on the South Lawn of the White House before the three leaders signed it, said that it aimed to end "generations of hostility, blood and tears."

The leaders of Israel and Jordan were declaring "with the world as their witness that they have solemnly ended the state of beligerency between them" and pledging to settle their differences "by peaceful means," Mr. Clinton said.

"Under the Washington Declaration, Jordan and Israel have agreed to continue vigorous negotiations" to reach a peace treaty and the two leaders have agreed to personally meet as often as it takes to seal an agreement, Mr. Clinton said.

They also agreed to take steps to normalise relations and resolve hy peaceful means disputes over issues ranging from water to the border.

"As of today, Jordan and Israel have agreed to take the first practical steps to draw

their people together," Mr. Clinton said, with the introduction of direct telephone links, electricity grids and an international air corridor.

Jordan and Israel would also discuss an end to economic boycotts, cooperate in crime fighting, notably against drugs, and open new border crossings. The declaration we have

signed just oow here in Washington is the closest thing to a treaty of peace," Mr. Rabin said after the signing ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House.

"Even though our work has not yet ended, it is my hope and belief that not long from today we shall return to sign a final and permanent treaty of peace."

King Hussein and Mr. Rabin paid tribute to the United States, particularly Mr. Clinton, for its efforts in reaching a Middle East peace

with great relief and great Mr. Rahin said. Another nightmare of war may be over." Before meeting in the

White House to put the finishing touches on the declaration, Mr. Rabin and King Hussein greeted each other with a handshake and a warm Mr. Rabin said their hand-

shake "symbolises much more than two people who no longer take up arms against one another." He said he looked forward to the day when such greetings would become routine.

Your Majesty, the entire state of Israel is shaking your hand," he told King Hussein. Welcoming them to the

White House, President Clinton said, "On this morning of promise these visionary statesmen from ancient lands have chosen to heal the rift that for too long has divided their lands."

The warmth between Mr. Rabin and King Hussein was in sharp contrast to the restraint when Mr. Rabin met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at the White House

last September.

On that occasion Mr. Ara-fat held out his hand and Mr. Rabin hesitated before grasp-

Before the White House ceremony, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the declaration Mr. Rabin and King Hussein would sign moves the parties much closer together."

"It is really a day for the history books," Mr. Christopher said on television. "We're going to transform the landscape of the Middle

With U.S. help, Israeli and Jordanian officials Sunday night negotiated the language of the declaration.

Mr. Christopher said it "accelerates the process towards a peace treaty." "I think it's a matter of

months until there's a formal peace agreement between the two of them," Mr. Christ-opher said. "Much of the groundwork will be laid out "Millions of eyes all over in the joint declaration (Mon-the world are watching us day)."

> Following are major excerpts from the speeches delivered prior to the signing of the declaration:

Pre m: Histor made wheo brave leaders find the power to escape the past and create a oew future. Today, two such leaders come together as we welcome King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to the White House on this extraordinary occasion.

On this morning of prom-

ise, these visionary statesmen from ancient lands have chosen to heal the rifts that for too long have divided their peoples. They have seen the outlines of a better day, where others have seen darkness; they have sought peace in place of violence. On both sides of the River Jordan, there have lived generations of people who thought this day would never come. King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin have reached out to each other across the river to build a future where hatred

gives way to hope. The Koran instructs us, (Continued on page 7)



His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shake hands as U.S. President Bill Clinton looks on at the White House Monday (AFP photo)

Critics of peace process on low wavelength as summit is held

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - On what the opposition declared a day of "national mourning" there were no black flags in the streets of the capital. Nor were there signs of any popular anger about His Majesty King Hussein's first public meeting with Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The only exception to the normalcy of life in the capital and other cities in the Kingdom was a one-hour sit-in in downtown Amman attended by about 200 representatives of eight political parties and some professional unions.

The sit-in, which followed a week of fiery statements by the Islamie Action Front (IAF) and other leftists and pan-Arah parties urging the mobilisation of the people against what they called the subjugation to Israeli and

American dietates, represented a "symbolic opposition" to the latest developments in the peace process.

The sit-in declared Monday a "black day in the history of our nation." But its organisers presented no evidence that this view is shared by the majority of the Jordanian people. All indications in the capital Monday were that the people did not see in the Washington summit the gloomy implications that the opposition tried to prop-

IAF sources say they opted for this "symbolic opposition" to show the government that they can voice their rejection of the developments in the peace process io "constitutional, legal and civilised way."

Analysts, however, say the Islamists and other opposition parties opted for lowprofile expression of their stand to avoid direct, and definitely losing, confrontation with the regime, especially that the King is personally involved in the negotia-

By restricting their opposition to fiery statements, which reached a limited number of people, and the shortlived sit in in Amman, the Islamists were making a stand for history, observers say.

By issuing the statements, the opposition can say they took a stand against the peace talks in harmony with their rejection of peace with Israel: and by limiting their opposition to a symbolic one, they avoided a confrontation

with the regime. Though they attacked the government for preventing the "other point of view from reaching the people." the opposition said the government did not interfere in the

sit-in though it showed re-

servations about its time and

IAF spokesman Hamzeh Mansour told the Jordan Times the decisioo to restrict the sit-in to one of "symbols and not a popular rally" was taken by the leadership of the parties that organised it.

Bnt in a sign of the division among the Islamists on how to react to the Washington summit, hawkish IAF Deputy Hammam Said charged the government did every thing to prevent the sit-in from materialising."

Despite assertions by Mr. Mansour that the opposition has "a programme for its activities to express its rejection" of what is happening on the Jordanian-Israeli track of the peace negotiations, Dr. Said said the "opposition's reaction does not correspond with the gravity and serious-

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Washington Declaration sets the way for peace agreement

Following is the full text of the Washington Declaration signed by His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzbak Rabin on Monday

The Washington Declaration

July 25, 1994

A. After generations of hostility, blood and tears and in the wake of years of pain and wars, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are determined to bring an end to bloodshed and sorrow. It is in this spirit that His Majesty King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the prime minister and minister of defence, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, met in Washington today at the invitation of President William J. Clinton of the United States of America. The initiative of President William J. Clinton constitutes an historic landmark in the United States' untiring efforts in promoting peace and stability in the Middle East. The personal involvement of the president has made it possible to realise agreement on the content of this historic declaration. The signing of this declaration bears testimony to the president's vision and devotion to the cause of peace.

B. In their meeting, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have jointly reaffirmed the five underlying principles of their understanding on an agreed common agenda designed to reach the goal of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between the Arab states and the Palestinians, with Israel.

1. Jordan and Israel aim at the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and its neighbours and at the conclusion of a treaty of peace between both countries.

2. The two countries will vigorously continue their negotiations to arrive at a state of peace, based on Security

Council resolutions 242 and 338 in all their aspects, and founded on freedom, equality and justice.

3. Israel respects the present special role of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Muslim holy shrines in Jerusalem. When negotiations on the permanent status will take place, Israel will give high priority to the Jordanian historic role in these shrines. In addition, the two sides have agreed to act together to promote interfaith relations

among the three monotheistic religions.

4. The two countries recognise their right and ohligation to live in peace with each other as well as with all states within secure and recognised boundaries. The two states affirmed their respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence

of every state in the area. 5. The two countries desire to develop good neighbourly relations of cooperation between them to ensure lasting security and to avoid threats and the use of force between

C. The long conflict between the two states is now coming to an end. In this spirit, the state of belligerency between Jordan and Israel has been terminated.

D. Following this declaration and in keeping with the agreed common agenda both countries will refrain from actions or activities by either side that may adversely affect the security of the other or may prejudice the final outcome of negotiations. Neither side will threaten the other by use of force, weapons or any other means against each other and both sides will thwart threats to security resulting from all kinds of terrorism.

E. His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took note of the progress made in the bilateral negotiations within the Jordan-Israel track last week on the steps decided to implement the sub-agendas on borders, territorial matters, security, water, energy, environment and the Jordan Rift Valleys. In this framework, mindful of items of the agreed common agenda (borders

and territorial matters) they noted that the boundary sub-commission has reached agreement in July 1994 in fulfillment of part of the role entrusted to it in the sub-agenda. They also noted that the sub-commission for water, environment and energy agreed to mutually recognise, as the role of their negotiations, the rightful allocations of the two sides in Jordan River and Yarmouk River waters and to fully respect and comply with the negotiated rightful allocations, in accordance with agreed acceptable principles with mutually acceptable quality.

Similarly, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin expressed their deep satisfaction and pride in the work of the trilateral commission in its meeting held in Jordan on Wednesday, July 20, 1994, hosted by the Jordanian prime minister, Dr. Abdul Salam Majali, and attended by Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. They voiced their pleasure at the association and commitment of the United States in

F. His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin believe that steps must be taken to both overcome psychological barriers and to hreak with the legacy of war. By working with optimism towards the dividends of peace for all the people in the region, Jordan and Israel are determined to shoulder their responsibilities towards the hnman dimension of peacemaking. They recognise imhalances and disparities are a root cause of extremism which thrives on poverty and unemployment and the degradation of human dignity. In this spirit, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have today approved a series of steps to symbolise the new era which is now at hand:

1. Direct telephone links will be opened between Jordan and Israel.

2. The electricity grids of Jordan and Israel will be linked as part of a regional concept.

3. Two new border crossings will be opened between Jordan and Israel - one at the southern tip of Aqaba-Eilat

and the other at a mutually agreed point in the north.

4. In principle free access will be given to third country tourists travelling between Jordan and Israel.

5. Negotiations will be accelerated on opening an

international air corridors between both countries. 6. The police forces of Jordan and Israel will cooperate in comhating crime with emphasis on smuggling and particularly drug smuggling. The United States will be invited to participate in this joint endeavour.

7. Negotiations on economie matters will continue in order to prepare for future bilateral cooperation including the abolition of all economic boycotts.

All these steps are being implemented within the framework of regional infrastructural development plans and in conjunction with the Jordan-Israel bilaterals on boundaries, security, water and related issues and without prejudice to the final outcome of the negotiations on the items included in the agreed common agenda between Jordan and Israel.

G. His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have agreed to meet periodically or whenever they feel necessary to review the progress of the negotiations and express their firm intention to shepherd and direct the process in entirety.

H. In conclusion, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wish to express once again their profound thanks and appreciation to President William J. Clinton and his administration for their untiring efforts in furthering the cause of peace, justice and prosperity for all the peoples of the region. They wish to thank the president personally for his warm welcome and hospitality. In recognition of their appreciation to the president, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have asked President William J. Clinton to sign this

document as a witness and as a host to their meeting, His Majesty King Hussein/Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin/President William J. Clinton.

U.S. to rule soon on Saudi diplomat's request for asylum

closest Arah ally was bank- Riyadh to acquire its own rolling a secret nuclear ouclear weapons. weapons programme with Iraq, his lawyer said Sunday. "We are expecting a deci-

Mr. Wildes said Mohammad Al Khilewi, who has been in hidiog near New York since fleeing Saudi Ara-bia's mission to the United Nations in May to seek poli-tical asylum, had increased security precautions since a new warning Friday from a U.S. government agency of a plot by the Saudi government to kidnap bim and bis family.

"I received a telephone call late Friday afternoon from a security/intelligence agen-cy which informed me that they bad come upon information that there was a plot to usher our client out the country, kidnap him and return him to Saudi Arabia," Mr. Wildes said.

He said the U.S. agency told him there appeared to be a difference of opinion among Saudi rulers as to whether Mr. Khilewi, the highest-ranking Sandi official to turn against his country's government, should be kid-

Saudi agents after the Gulf war seized Mohammad Al Fassi, a dissident member of the royal family wanted in Riyadh oo corruptioo charges, from Jordan and spirited him to prison in Saudi Arabia, Western diplomats and Saudi sources say.

Mr. Khilewi, a nuclear expert who was second in command at the U.N. mission, revealed after he fled the embassy that he has 13,000 documents which he says snow a pattern of corruptioo, terrorism and human rights ahuses hy Riyadh, Washington's Gulf war partner and one of its biggest oil sup-

In his latest bombshell, he told the Sunday Times oewspaper he had transcripts of

NEW YORK (R) — The meetings and other docu-United States will decide ments showing that Saudi soon whether to grant asylum Arabia helped fund Iraq's to a Saudi diplomat who ouclear programme as part a claims that Washingtoo's secret 20-year campaign by

At a 1989 meeting which Mr. Khilewi attended the "We are expecting a decision shortly ... within weeks," lawyer Michael Wildes told Reuters.

Mr. Wildes said Moham nowhere else, the paper said. According to the Sunday

> its nuclear programme. There was no way to aut-U.S. officials had no immedi-

> Times, the documents showed the Saudi rulers bad

given Iraq up to \$5 billion for

A spokesman for the Saudi embassy in London said be could not comment while British Foreign Office officials said they had not seen

Washington and Riyadh formed a major Western-Arab coalition to drive Iraqi troops from Knwait in the 991 Gulf war and later went to great effort to help ensure that Iraq's ouclear weapons programme was permanently dismantled.

Mr. Wildes said he did not expect any more meetings between Mr. Khilewi and U.S. immigratioo officials, whom the lawyer said took the unprecedented step of interviewing the Saudi diplo-mat outside their immigratioo offices for security

The U.S. decision is seen by buman rights groups as a key test of American human rights policy towards Riyadh, which is also one of the biggest world buyers of Amer-

Human rights laws adopted by Washington require the United States to grant asylum to anyone who faces a wellfounded fear of persecution if returned to their own

Washington almost never openly criticises Saudi Arabia, a closed and conservative kingdom under fire from ho-



HISTORIC TURN: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (left), U.S. President Bill Clinton (right) and His Majesty King Hussein stand on the podium during ceremonies in the Rose Garden of the White House on Wednesday. King

Hussein and Mr. Rabin later signed a declaration of peace

Israel reportedly delaying permits for hardliners

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Israel is holding back the entry of several dozen members of the Palestinian Central Council (PCC) despite having issued permission in principle since the factions they belong to oppose the autonomy accord, Palestinian sources said Mon-

They said the PCC members were calling daily at the Palestine Liberatioo Organisation (PLO) missioo here seeking word on their entry to the antonomous areas of Jericho and Gaza Strip.

Israel informed the PLO last month that it had approved in principle a list of more than 450 Palestinians, over 100 of them PCC members, to eoter the autonomous territories, but have not sent the full list to the PLO, the sources said.

"The Israelis are sending a

then, keeping everyone guessing," said one source. "It seems that they are giving preferential treatment to our comrades in Fateh and reegating others." That was a reference to the

mainstream PLO group headed by Yasser Arafat which supports the Israel-PLO autonomy accord. Other factions which are represented in the PCC but oppose the self-rule deal include the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Democratic Front for the Liberatioo of Palestine (DFLP), the second and third largest PLO fac-

tions after Fatch. Only a handful of PFLP and DFLP have been allowed into Jericho and Gaza since aotonomy began in May, the Palestinian source said. "There are oearly 40 members of the committee still awaiting Israeli permission to

PLO officials said the matter was out of their hands. The approval and permit have to come from the Israeli side, and as long as we don't receive it there is little we can do from Amman," said a

"We see a dirty game play-ed by Arafat," said a DFLP activist. "Apparently he wants Fatch people in place before allowing others be-cause be feels that a strong reseoce of DFLP and PFLP in Gaza and Jericho will undermine his political base

PLO official.

But independent Palestimans disagreed. They said Mr. Arafat had little control over Israeli approvals for entry of Palestinians and that it was the Israelis who were delaying the entry of the

They even kept (Samir) Ghosheh waiting for weeks,'

said he did not belong to any faction. Mr. Ghosheh, head of the Popular Struggle Front (PSF), was allowed to go in only last week to assume office as minister of labour in the self-rule cabinet.

Mr. Ghosheh's group is critical of the self-rule deal, but it decided to accept Mr. Ghosheh's comination to the autonomy cabinet "because it felt that it is better to work from within rather than being isolated," according to a PLO source. Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin has said he would allow all members of Palestitian councils to enter Gaza and Jericho ahead of an expected meeting of the parliameot-like Palestice National Concil. Bot he has also said that some of them may oot be allowed to stay on since they are directly impli-cated in violent resistance activities against Israel in the

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million in annual sales.

Aideed men hold area around Mogadishu port made no immediate comment

NAIROBI (Agencies) — Mogadishn warlord General Mohammad Farah Aideed's Somali National Alliance (SNA) says its gunmen control the area around the

capital's U.N.-guarded port. The anoooocemeot by SNA-rno radio followed clashes between the SNA and supporters of rival warlord Ali Mahdi Mohammad which killed at least two people and wounded six.

The radio said the SNA had taken control of the port area to ensure its smooth working, and no arms would be allowed to be brought in there. SNA units bad cordoned off the area, it said.
Egyptian U.N. peacekeepers guard the seaport but

have repeatedly come uoder fire in the past week from what U.N. officers said were disgruntled doek workers loyal to the SNA. Radio Mogadishu, which supports Ali Madhi Moham-

mad, reacted to the SNA anoouncement by condemning the move as sabotage of an agreement between the two factions to keep the seaport open. The radio said the SNA

was "closing the port whenever it wants and ob-structing the flow of general traffie and the emergency relief services." The statement accused the

SNA of illegally levying taxes on traffic using the port, and called oo U.N. peacekeepers to ensure the port and airport were available to everyone. "We are waiting for a satis-

factory explanation on this matter," it added, warning that "immediate and grave consequences" would follow if the situation continued, The U.N. Operatioo in Somalia (UNOSOM), which

has been avoiding direct confrontatioo with the rival factions since the march withdrawal of U.S. forces who became embroiled in clashes with Gen. Aldeed's militia.

on the SNA move.

The clan-hased feud between Aideed and Ali Mahdi supporters killed ahout 30,000 people after the ousting of dictator Mohammad Siad Barre in 1991. Famine caused hy the war killed 10-times that number of

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During Saturday's clashes, stray shells crashed into U.N. compounds in Mogadishu. U.N. military spokesman Major Zubair Chatta said rival militiamen fought with anti-tank rockets, cannon and small arms and three stray shells caused minor damage to U.N. vehicles. A stray hullet wounded at Pakistani warrant officer, he

Although the fightiog eased in the afternoon, roadblocks were in operation and large numbers of militiamen and technicals — vehi-eles mounted with medium to heavy calibre weapons -were seen on the streets of

the capital. U.S. military officials said the rival Mogadishu warlords appeared to be arming for

appeared to be arming for wider clan warfare and there was no sign of a peace settlement between them.

The U.N. Security Council, hruised by its failure to bring peace to Somalia despite brokering peace talks, is to decide at the end of September whether to extend September whether to extend its mandate there or pull out.

Gunmen also ambushed a U.N. food convoy in Mogadishu on Sunday and hijacked two food trucks and a military vehicle.

A U.N. spokesman said no

casualties had been reported. from the ambush. Spokesman Chatta said Sunday's amhush was at a.

notorious roadblock near a. traffic circle, where an air-port road enters ceotral-Mogadishu. Bangladeshi troops were escorting the:

Sudan raises new border dispute in letter to U.N.

CAIRO (R) - Sudan has complained about Egypt to the U.N. Security Council, accusing the Cairo govern-ment of sending troops south of the 22nd Parallel and avoiding talks on a peaceful settlement of their disagree-

A Sudanese government statement said Foreign Minister Hussein Suleiman Ahu Saleh had asked the council to urge Egypt to reverse military and administrative steps it has takeo in the Halaib triangle oo the Red Sea coast and south of Argeen, a village oear the Sudanese town of Wadi Hal-

Egypt aod Sudan have both elaimed sovereignty over the Halaib area for some years hut the dispute over the Argeen area is new and has been little publicised. The statement, released by

the Sudanese emhassy io Cairo on Monday, said: "The Egyptian government has worked systematically to reinforce its presence not only in the disputed Halaih area but also, and for the first time, in the Argeen border

"(This is) south of the 22od Parallel, which Egypt asserts divides the two countries, and it is an area which at no time in the past has been in dispute between the two countries." According to a map sent to

Reuters by the Sudanese embassy. Egypt has set a

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military post on the West Bank of the Nile about halfway between Wadi Halfa and the village of Argeen, which itself lies just south oo the 22nd Parallel.

The map shows that Egypt already had two military camps within a salient of territory which juts north of the 22nd Parallel and which most maps mark as Sudanese.

The Sudanese statement did not say when the Egyptians moved io hut ooe Sudanese foreign ministry official mentioned the Argeen problem to reporters in Khartoum in June.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman was not available to comment on the dispute but the Arabiclanguage international newspaper Al Hayat quoted him on Monday as saying Egypt did not intend to reply to the Sudanese allegations.

Abu Saleh said the Khartoum government had repeatedly invited the Egyptians to send a delegation to Khartoum to follow up a foreign ministers meeting in Cairo last July.

"Sodan has kept pressing for the meeting hut the Egyptian side has oot even taken the trouble to reply to the invitation," the Sudanese

statement said. Mr. Abu Saleh's letter also asks the Security Council to urge Egypt to enter into negotiations with Sudan on the dispute.

Israel's arms industry tries converting to peace but Mr. Galil said civilian the 1980s that Israel was owned military giant, Israel

By Dan Perry The Associated Press

TEL AVIV — Israel's most famous export has long been the Uzi, symbol of a country that not only lived by the sword, hut perfected and sold

The compact, folding submachine gun became a weapon of choice for secret services, and extremists, around the world. But now the global arms

business is in a slump and Israel is pursuing peace with the Arabs, so what to do with an industry that was a leader in earning foreign currency? A finance ministry report released last week showed record losses of almost \$1 billion for state-run arms

efforts to streamline and find new markets. Many Israelis see the answer in converting military technology to civilian applications, the same challenge facing the United States, Russia and other countries with large military

companies in 1993, despite

industries. Reuven Krupik, an economist dedicated to conversion, said Israel can show the

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We have this huge defence sector and we have a great need to convert it," he said. "Other countries haven't encountered the problem to this extent."

Computerised systems developed for military use are being adapted for products ranging from walkie-talkies to an anti-tailgating device that measures the distance between cars. Lee lacocca, the former

Chrysler chairman, tested the device here last month and the maker, Silicon Heights, has installed it on a test car sent to the United States. Such innovations were on

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's mind when he told the graduating class at the Israeli engineering university Technion: "We must find ways to shift more and more to entirely different fields in research and development. (Otherwise) tens of thousands of jobs will be

In the United States, 1995 orders for military aircraft are down 86 per cent from a decade ago and the market for tanks has vanished, the U.S. publication Defence News reported. The American aerospace industry has laid off 10 per cent of its workers. Among Israeli companies.

the largest 1993 loss - \$450 million — was recorded hy Israel Aircraft Industries. Moshe Ortasse, head of the electronics division, said it hoped to bounce hack by

selling business jets instead of fighters. The company developed an executive jet in the early 1980s and has sold several hundred. We hope civilian projects

will constitute 40 per cent of our revenue in a few years. Mr. Oriasse said. Aircraft iodustries also is

developing a civilian satellite. Ofeq, and a blood-cell scan-

everything they need" for small airports. Such plans come too late for the 3,000 aircraft industries employees, nearly one

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South Africa's largest arms supplier, in violatioo of U.N. sanctions. Israel sold arms to ostracised military governments in Guatemala and Argentina. In 1989, it was found to have shipped 500 assault rifles that ended up in the hands of a Columbian drug cartel.

Secrecy still shrouds arms exports and most of Israel's customers are developing nations, hut officials insist that today's dealiogs are more scrupulous. Israeli experts are said to be upgrading military aircraft and tanks in countries as diverse as Romamia, Chile, the Philippines and China.

Uzia Galil, chairman of the private electronics firm Elbit, said the weapons business is an echo of the past.

'Israel's image is slowly shifting from arms merchant to high-tech for civilian purposes, both hardware and software," be said. "Our next step is to really break into

ness has been military and

"You're taking people who for years were trained to secrecy and telling them to go out and sell their products."

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process and not a revolu-tion," Mr. Levin said. Israel's effort to become self-sufficient in arms hegan after France, then its main

By the 1980s, Israel was building tanks and aircraft, exporting Uzis and Galil rifles and adding electronic improvements to the American aircraft in its air force. Along the way, ethics occasionally suffered.

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years ago.
Israel still sells \$2 billion worth of military hardware abroad every year, but the

share of the total exports of \$15 billion is declining, said Gad Levin, deputy director of the Israel export institute. "Israel is breaking free of its dependence on the de-

arms supplier, embargoed shipments during the 1967

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tions are overstaffed and employees are underpaid, according to the professor who believes that Arab bureaucracies are Obstacles of cultural and institutional development.

"Staffing of family and friends is the norm rather than the exception," he said, criticising the enormity of the power of the Arah state which is "concentrated in the hands of those who run it.'

According to the AAUG panelists, the Arah private sector has been making fat profits without being induced to pay income tax, the main source of income for any country.

Another measure of economic reform adopted hy Jordan was implementing the sales tax law, which is anticipated to improve Jordan's economic status without affecting the income of individuals,

While the Arab Nation is the largest supplier of oil, Arah countries are the least developed in the world; they are lagging behind in terms of industry, technology and trade, the panelists noted.

According to George

Corm, oil is the main reason why many Arabs felt that they do not need to work. He described oil as an "antidevelopment " factor in the case of the Arah Nation. Arabs are the suppliers hut not henefactors of their

wealth, he explained.

Working women, compared to their male colleagues, are under-pai. In addition, the law discriminates against Arah women in terms of freedom and legal rights. Jordanian woman, for example, can not issue a passport without the consent of her husband. or father if single, the

"Women still suffer from underdevelopment socially, financially and legally," said Palestinian anthor and novelist Sahar Khalifeh, adding that women liberation movements have so far failed to penetrate all different sectors of

"A civil and democratic society cannot he attained in the absence of women's constructive participation in developing the society," she said.

Ghada Karmi of the centre of Near and Middle East Studies and School of Oriental and African studies in London, believes that no Arah state presently qualifies for democracy.

According to Dr. Kar-mi, all Arab states are ruled by single party regimes which control all civil institutions based on patriarchy - the enemy of democracy. Israel can be viewed

as the model of Western democracy in the region. But Israel's democracy is only applied in the realm of the Jewish state, rather than citizenship, and thus the discrimination against Arabs, said Dr. Karmi.

State reforms vital for Arab economic security — experts

Asserting that Palestinians have the most democratic institutions among Arabs, Dr. Karmi said Arabs are using Israeli democracy to their advantage.

With Israel now being an inescapable reality and part of a possible near Middle Eastern order, the question which remains to he answered is whether Israel will have a positive or negative impact on Arabs, she said.

While panelists agreed that the outcome of Israel's influence on the region's development remains to be seen, they also agreed that Arabs need to sit and discuss their problems openly.

Queen Noor addresses AAUG Meeting should 'forge coherent vision for the future of the Arab World'

AMMAN (J.T.) — As the Arab society "embarks on a new era of profound transformation, the common challeoge that faces the corire Arab World is how to generate momentum of national developmeol ibal is at once equitable, responsive and sus-tainable," said Her Majesty to the AAUG held at the Amman Marrion Hotel Mon-

In her recorded statement as the guest of honour, Queen Noor commended members of the AAUG, the oldest national orgaoisation of Arab-Americans, for their efforts over the past twenty-seven years to present the case for Arab rights and aspirations in North America.

Queen Noor added that the conference should contribute to forging a coberent vision for the future role of the Arab World based on good governance. "Whether we talk of this concept io terms of civil socie-ty, democralisation, human rights, or constitutionality. good governance relies upon nental principles that we

stability, progress and dignity of the Arab World participa-tion, accountability and transparency, and pluralism," the Queen said, Queen Noor also stressed

that the principles of good governance must be culturally sensitive and compatible with the powerful social traditions and the values that define our ancient and rich Arab-Islamic society. The Queen added that good governance should be based on and sustained by an Arab educational system that emphasises qualitative advances and equitable access.
"It is vital to recognise the

importance of safeguarding the cobesive family unit that has been a source of great strength and security for Arab society. the Queen said, emphasis that good governance should also mandate health care for all and equal participation of women in the economic and political spheres.

Queen Noor concluded: "Our broad pan-Arab goals are coherent, sustainable development and stable and democratic political cultures.

On a human scale, what w really aspire 10 in the next century is a vision of all our children confident in their Arab identity, secure in their personal life prospects and able 10 revitalise the legacy of their ancestors and to contribute to the advancement of the entire human family."

Also speaking at the gathering, which was anended by a variety of thinkers, writers and activists, was Dr. Clovis Maksoud, president of the Central for the Study of the Global South at the American University in Washington D.C.

In his remarks, Dr. Maksoud stressed the need to pro-lect and promote the Arab component in an emerging post-peace Arab system, as well as to change the Arab discourse by emphasising issues such as the environmeni, women empowermeo: and social development. He also discussed the role of the reinforcing the development process in the Arab World and in fostering a coherent Arub

bring peace to Sorte NHF project benefiting Egyptian rural workers

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

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schemes, health matters, and economic schemes.

Deputising for Health Minister Aref Bataineh, the director of the Medical Professions Department at the Health Ministry, Dr. Makram Nshewat, opened the seminar describing the Quality of Life Project as one of the pioneering schemes im-plemented by NHF for the benefit of residents of the rural regions of Jordan.

The Health Ministry has been closely involved in the quality of Life Project and Providing the means and facilities to ensure its success," said Dr. Nshewat.

NHF officials said that this. is the third seminar for the training of rural development workers in the region; two

seminars were conducted last month for Iranian partici-

They said that the fourth session will be for participants from Pakistan and it too will be financed by the

The Quality of Life Project was first initiated in Jordan in 1989 to improve the overall quality of life of underprivileged rural and urban com-During 1994, 2,000 families

in 12 villages benefited directly from the project whose strategy emphasises a comprehensive and integrated development that is implemented by the people themselves through social preparation and consensus building, community organisation, community financing and community manpower mobilisation and training. According to NHF, economic schemes benefiting these

families include home gardens, fruit orchards, goat, cow and poultry raising, fish ponds, broom and hasket making, tricot, knitting and sewing, textile and carpet weaving and bee keeping.

The project initiates smallscale industries to help poor families and encourage self-

NHF officials said that the participants would be lectured on social, economic and health schemes for the rural regions and make field trips to areas where the Quality of Life Project is being

Projects to help farmers in Yarmouk basin

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Agriculture is offering farmer owners in the Yarmouk River basin to benefit from a ministrysponsored highlands development programme which is being financed by donations from the World Food Prog-

ramme (WFP),
Agriculture Minister Mansour Ben Tarif Monday said that 4,000 farmers in the Yarmouk basin stand to gain from the programme as their lands lie close to the river, which supplies irrigation wa-

The ministry conducted a survey of the lands to be included in the highlands project and decided to include the basin in the programme, said the minister.

Mr. Ben Tarif said parts of the land are nseful for afforestation, others are good for pasture lands and the rest are suitable for planting fruit

The Ministry has 10,000 clive tree saplings to be dis-tributed to the farmers for planting within the basin in the next agricultural season, added the ministers. The highlands develop-

ment project, which started in Jordan in 1964, aims at developing regions extending from the Syrian border in the north to Wadi Mousa in the south, a region made up of the most cultivable land in the country, according to ministry officials.

Tawjihi overall average 48.8%; 7,000 students do not take exams

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh Monday announced the results of the 1993-94 tawjihi examinations which were conducted in two sessions in January and June of this year.

The average result of the seven disciplines taken by the tawiihi students was 48.8 per cent, and out of 78,901 registered students, 71,087 sat for the examinations, according to Mr. Rawabdeh .

tions in the scientific, literary, nursing, agricultural

The students had examina-

hotel management streams. The minister, who announced the results at a press conference, noted that an increasing number of students is now opting for voca-

tional training, adding that

commercial, industrial and

those taking vocational training courses achieved better results than those who took academic courses. According to the minister,

526 students ont of 2,080 registered for the agricultural courses failed to take the tawiihi exams thus contributing to the low average marks

Mr. Rawabdeh said that the average result of students sitting for the literary courses was 41,2 per cent, for the scientific courses, 61.5 per cent, for the commercial, 49 per cent, agriculture 37.5 per

cent, industrial courses 51.4

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per cent. nursing 62.4 per cent, hotel management 59.2 per cent. The minister, who wished the students success, paid tribute to the teachers and their supervisors for their efforts

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Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawahdeh (centre) Monday announces Tawjihi results at a press conference (Petra photo)

Khasho captivates his listeners Smurfs teach children that 'small is beautiful'

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Allegretto." The pianist concluded his presentation with "Khasho Y," which is an improvisation on oriental melodies. After the interval, violinist "Sud in has kept past for the inceiting but the sa Fouad Malas accompanied Mr. Khasho in a duet. They played Mozart's Sonata No. 8 KV 296, "Allegro Vivace," Andante Sostenu-

to" and "Allegretto."

Their performance ended with "Khasho Y." which is a sort of "Fantasie Jordano-Palestioienne." This last piece, which conelude in a classical manner is "a new composition similar to "Melodies from Jordan" played by the Symphony Orchestra. It is written for piano and violin,

said Mr. Khasho. This "Fantasie" includes eleven folkloric songs collected from Jordan and Palestine hy pianist Khasho: "Hashmi-Hashmi" (Palestinian), "Shababuna" (Jordanian), "Azoubiouh" (P), "Ridaha" (J), "Ya Aziz Ini" (P), "Ah Ya Asmer el-Lun" (P), "Bein el-Dawali" (I), "Al Ruza Ana" (P), "Ya Um Rumush el Tawila" (J), "Al-Luz Al-Akhdhar"

(P), and "Beit al-Sha'ir (J). As a composer and conductor in various symphony Orchestras in Rome, Milan, London and Berlin, Mr. Khasho was able to combine Western and Eastern Style.

As for Fouad Malas, he too played with the Opera Facatre Orchestra in the recording of the Great Arab Revolt.



Yousef Khasho at the piano Sunday at the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

And now the Smurfs

At the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts, the smallest theatre is the Sound and Light Theatre where the shortest shows are presented to the youngest audiences and hy some of the smallest actors, a true testimony to "small is beautiful."

For four straight days "The Smurfs Show" presented by the Haya Arts Centre was performed to hundreds of delighted children.

The show is actually a play which tells the story of six dwarfs: Hani Faleh as Papa Smurf), Zeid Yasoufi (Thinker), Ahmad Cloub (Greedy), Ahmad M'rouf (Lazy), Jamai Abu Quba (Eater), and Mohammad Za'bi (Showy). Nidhal Batiri, who is not a Smurf, played the role of Shershabil, the evil char-

acter. The story-line is simple: it depicts the probiems faced by the Smurfs and the attitude of society towards them simply because they are diffe-

When the evil Shershabil tries to exploit the Smurfs by cheating them into working for his circus, a wooden duck tries to help them understand that Smurfs have the right to their own hopes and goals, which can be

Through the characters' conversations, the young andience recognises the hidden lessons aimed at distinguishing between good and evil. Relying on simple songs, the Smurfs referred continuously to: the soldier who defends his country, illiteracy that keeps us in the darkest corner, love of country, and having a little is preferable to possessing the world.

The play also concentrates on the importance of school reading, which are the most honest friends in life, say the Smurfs. They stress how education is the basis of children's future, and the candle that lights their way.

The Smurfs learn a very important lesson; than any one can achieve his/her aspirations regardless of his/her height as long as he/she has the will and the mind to pur-

sue them. There was a tangible interaction between the children and the actors. The children responded to questions raised by the actors, or repeated certain words and phrases on cue, hecoming a part of the show. The Smurf group was

put together hy director Sami Majali, who "spent much effort and time in rehearsing the play, because only two of the six Smurfs are, literate.

"The Smurf play fol-lows another children's production by the group: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," in 1987, which was shot for Jordan Television as a film," said Hani Faleh (Papa Smurf).

"We also have been to Bahrain in 1988 after receiving an invitation from the Cultural Corporation. Then, "Snow White" was introduced to students in some provinces of Jordan," added Mr. Faleh.

"Most of the Smurfs were unemployed before joinging the group," said the director." So, we asked the authorities in Jordan to indulge the Smurfs in society hy founding a centre, or a society that would help them live a normal life and participate in the country's activities," said Mr. Majali.

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- * Poems recital (accompanied by music, at Garasia
- Theatre at 19:30. * Play "Body's Lab: Survival" at Garasia Theatre at
- * Shakespearian play "The Tempest" at the South Theatre at 20:30.
- **☆** The Carmen Linares Spanish Singing and Dancing Group at the Artemis Theatre at 21:00.
- "Lails and Wolf" play (Flays Centre) at the Sound and Light Theatre at 19:00.

PLAY

☆ Play in Arabic entitled "A Black Comedy" by Majd Al Qasas at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:30 p.m.

AAUG CONFERENCE

* Conference of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates (AAUG) entitled "The Arah World Preparing for the 21st Century" at the Royal Cultural Centre. Thesday's theme of discussion will be "Agenda For The Future Of The Arab World." The first panel (08:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.) will focus on "Agenda for Future Public Policy." The last panel (10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.) will discuss "Technology and Health Policy." (All sessions are open to the public).

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☆ Film in French entitled "A Lift Towards the Guillotine" at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Amman at 7:30 p.m.

NEWS HIGHTLIGHTS

 ★ ABC News Highlights and MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour at the American Center at 5:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Exhibition of Chinese products at the Royal Cultural
- ☆ Oil painting and ceramic exhibition by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Al 'Ain Art Gallery, Wadi Saqra (Tel.

Spanish T.V. team extends stay

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - Recent political events in Jordan have forced a five-person Spanish television team here to shoot a documentary to extend their stay one more week to get

their job done. According to Esther V. Garcia, the commentator on the Television Espanola (TVE) team, the peace talks last week delayed their task because the team was prohibited from travelling to several places. In addition, Ms. Garcia said, the group was also preoccupied with broadcasting the historical events for their viewers in Spain.

"Since we had to cover the peace negotiations, we felt that we needed more time hecause some scenes had many details that require more time," Ms. Garcia said. The team arrived in Jordan on July 11 on a two-week

mission to produce a documentary programme about the Kingdom's historic

"The rapid improvement in the region regarding peace

prompted our station to send us to capture what we believe would be of interest to the Spanish people." Ms. Garcia told the Jordan Times. It is important to show the

sites exist because most Spaniards think only of Petra when talking of Jordan, said Jose Luis de Pahlos, the photographer on the team. "Before I came here. Jordan was unknown to me, but after visiting the sites, I disco-

vered that there are much

Spanish viewers what tourist

more interesting things to see other than Petra," he said. Mr. de Pahlos said the peace process is going to be positive for tourism in the Kingdom "especially that it is known as a peaceful country, and many Spanish tourists

The Spanish television audience consists of 42 million people who tune in to more than 13 local and government channels. TVE is a government channel and employs more than 13,000 individuals. It is one of two main channels in Spain, said Francisco B. Berez, the sound technician on the team.

The Spanish Embassy in Amman

Has the pleasure to announce that within the activities of the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts

THE WORLD FAMOUS FLAMENCO SINGER "CARMEN LINARES"

and her Flamenco Group will perform at the Arthemis Theatre/Jerash on July 26th 1994 at 9:30 p.m. and July 27th 1994 at 8:30 p.m.

Nigeria strike enters 4th week

people.
"For too long, the U.S. pobcy has been wait and

see.' We can't wait," Rev.

Jackson said Sunday. "We

must not allow Nigeria to

drift into civil war. It could be

part because of his associa-

tions with both Mr. Abiola

and Nigeria's previous milit-

ary ruler, Gen. Ibrahim

Babangida, who nullified the

Gen. Babangida stepped down in August, but turned power over to a widely re-viled interim government led

hy husinessman Ernest.

Shonekan. Mr. Shonekan was ousted in November by

Gen. Abacha, his defence

its foreign currency earnings from oil exports. The strike

has made gasoline scarce, pa-ralysing transportation and

However, Nigerian human

rights activists are opposed to

Rev. Jackson's involvement,

saying be is too closely aligned with Nigeria's milit-

Rev. Jackson said the

opposition to his visit is based

on a misunderstanding about

more than a year ago and on

of "constructive engage-

SLORC has been criticised

for human-rights violations,

the detention of opposition politicians, notably Aung San Sun Kyi, and its refusal to

accept the results of a 1990

general election decisively

won by her National League

Mr. Chuan, referring to

the rarity of Burma's pre-

sence at an International

forum, said Rangoon should

learn from this experience

and implement change at

Mr. Ohn Gyaw, wearing a

constant smile but disinclined

to answer reporters' ques-

"The meeting was success-

ful and we have gained good experience from the ASEAN

meeting," the minister said. Mr. Abhisit quoted Mr.

Ohn Gyaw as saying the re-lease of Aung San Suu Kyi

was one part of Burma's pro-cess of democratic develop-

ment, but the government could not fix a date because

of fears this might unleash s

or meet her, but we are in a

process of democratic de-

velopment so we have to

show caution in every move.

Mr. Ohn Gyaw told Mr.

Chuan when asked about the

that we have done in the past

five years will collapse and we

do not want to see a chaotic

situation as in 1988." he said.

daughter of Burmese nation-

al hero General Aung San,

has been under house arrest

in Rangoon for five years. In 1991, she won the Nobel

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Rev. Jackson is involved in

LAGOS (Agencies) — Nigerian oil workers began a fourth week of strike action Monday as union and government delegations prepared. for fresh talks aimed at ending the protests calling for the release of jailed pro-democracy leader Moshood

Two rounds of talks between representatives of the federal military government with officials of the two striking unions and foreign oil producers were scheduled for Monday, National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) President Wariebi Kojo Agamene told AFP.

The first would concentrate on "economie issues," notably the \$800 million debt owed by the government to foreign oil producing partners, while the second would be devoted entirely to the "political demands" of the oil workers, he said.

The unions involved in the talks are NUPENG and the Petrolenm and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN).

The unions have pledged to keep up their strike action until the release of Mr. Abiola, the presumed winner of annulled presidential elections in June last year. They are also pressing for his in-stallation as Nigerian presi-

While expressing the hope that the first meeting might produce an understanding' between the parties involved, the NUPENG leader said he was not optimistic that gov-ernment would come up with

Khmer

Rouge

attacks in

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PHNOM PENH (AFP) -

Khmer Rouge guerrillas have been stepping up attacks in

Cambodia's remote northern province of Preali Vihear, the

seat of the their recently-declared provisional govern-ment, a government military

official said Monday.
The guerrillas attacked vil-

lages in Chey Sen district

between July 18-20, killing

injuring II others, and tor-ching more than 50 homes,

Guerrillas also struck in

the nearby district of Chep on

July 20, burning down 60

homes and injuring several

more villagers, the official

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reported in the neighbouring

Khmer Rouge radio

announced on July 11 the

formation of a provisional

government with its hase in

the remote, trouble-plagued

"The attacks increased af-

ter the Khmer Rouge furmed

their own government. They

try to increase their territory.

but now we have troops to

kick them back to where they

came from," the official said.

cials in the capital said there

was an alarming increase in

fighting in the area hut added

it could be due to the rainy

season which traditionally

sees to an apsurge in guerrilla

Western aid agency offi-

Several other more minor

the military official said.

"concrete commitments" on the workers' political de-

mands.
"We are using the only weapon we have, that is strike action, as a potent means of achieving democracy while not ruling out com-pletely the place of dialogue in the present political crisis," a PENGASSAN official

told AFP Monday.
The trial of Mr. Abiola, currently being detained in the federal capital Abuja on charges of 'treasonable felony" in to begin there this

The oil workers' strike, in addition to depriving Nigeris of millions of dollars in oil revenue, has paralysed the movement of people around the country because of fuel

Also Monday, press reports said that authorities had imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew on Calabar in sontheastern Nigeria following violent pro-democracy demonstra-tions in the eity at the

More than 20 government vehicles were seized or damaged and shops were looted in the capital of Cross River state when vandals joined a peaceful student demonstration and it flared into violence, the press reports said.

Students and farmers have threatened to hold further protests on Monday in the city of Ibadan, north of

Meanwhile, in a diplomatic overture, President Bill Clinton is dispatching U.S. civil rights leader Jesse Jackson to Nigeria as striking oil work-

BANGKOK (Agencies) — Thai Prime Minister Chuan

Leekpai Monday urged Bur-

ma to release detained Nobel

Peace laureate Aung San Suu

Kyi as the key to solving many of the isolated coun-

try's political and economic

Mr. Chuan made the re-

commendation in talks with

Burmese Foreign Minister

Ohn Gyaw, who is in Bang-

kok as the guest of Thailand

at a ministerial meeting of the Association of South East

"Settle the question of Auog San Sin Kyi first, then Burma will have time to con-

centrate on developing the

economy," Thai government spokesman Abhisit Vejjajiva quoted Mr. Chuan as telling

"If the problem of Aung San Suu Kyi was resolved it would make other problems easy to settle," Mr. Chuan

was quoted as saying during

the 40-minute meeting.
The Thai leader said Bang-

kok had incurred sharp critic-

ism for inviting a representa-

tive of Burma's ruling milit-

ary junta to attend the talks,

though Thailand has made

clear other ASEAN members

backed the invitation.
ASEAN also includes

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Thailand urges Burma

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for Nigeria this week as part of a delegation that will deliv-During a visit to Gabon in May, 1993, Rev. Jackson er a message from Mr. Clinton to Nigeria's military rulpraised Gen. Babangida for moving "with a steady beat" toward democracy. er, Gen. Sani Abacha, regarding restoring democracy to the nation's 90 million But Rev. Jackson said Sun-

day that was before Gen. Babangida on June 12 negated the country's election.
"We're not close to the military government. We are in disagreement with the annulment. I do not know all the internal politics that took place," he added.

Beko Ransome-Kuti, president of the Campaign For Democracy, the main opposition group in Nigeria, said Sunday that he now is receptive to the Jackson visit after previously having opposed it. "He (Jackson) expressed

the view that maybe he was misunderstood," Mr. Kuti said in a telephone interview from Lagos. "I'm quite convinced now he knows the position on the ground in position on the ground in Nigeria. We would be quite willing to tell him exactly what we feel the Nigerian people want."

Mobolaji Aluko, vice pres-ident of the Nigerian Democratic Movement, a United States-based group of Nige-rian nationals who work to promote democracy there, said the opposition to Rev. Jackson will likely dissipate.

"He can do nothing but good. It starts the process of direct engagement of the United States in Nigeria," Mr. Aluko explained.

India, Russia to discuss plane deal

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Indian Air Force (IAF) chief Swaroop Krishan Kaul has left for a IO-day visit to Russia to explore the possibility of bnying SU-30 fighter planes, an air force spokesman said Monday.

Chief of Air Staff Kaul, accompanied by Deputy Air Marshal S.R. Deshpande, left for Moscow Sunday in response to an invitation from the Russian Air Force. The spokesman said the

LAF chief will discuss upgrading Soviet-built MiG-21s with India, the purchase of more MiG-29s and examine the possibility of buying SU-30s. Moscow has not sold the aircraft to any other country. "There is nothing immediate about SU-30s," the

spokesman said. "It is seen as a long-term need of India. The matter is at a very, very preliminary stage." But the United News of

india news agency said the IAF chief will "finalise the terms of conditions and allied matters relating to the SU-30s," a multi-role combat aircraft offered by Russia to

The news agency said the SU-30s matched in performance the US-built F-18 Hornet and the European Tornado. The Russian manufacturer of the SU-30 claim the aircraft can outmanoeuvre the French Mirage 2000 and U.S. F-16.

will be an independent coun-

try within a year. Quebec's Liberal Premier

Daniel Johnson said Sunday

that a provincial election will

be beld in September, laun-

ching a fierce new debate on

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Mr. Parizeau, whose separ-

atist Parti Quebecois has a

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We will conduct a referen-

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The Parti Quehecois has

promised to hold a referen-

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Quebeckers want their pro-

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novelist Leo Tolstoy. since his return with sharp

criticism of market reforms that have filled shops with goods hut impoverished many and led to an explosion of crime.

tality of life in Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's labour camps, was exiled in 1974. Sunday's interview took place at Mr. Solzhenitsyn's

Indian army. patrols massacre site

GUWAHATI, India (AFP)

— Indian troops patrolled strife-torn Barpeta district in the far eastern state of Assam on Monday as a minister vowed to get the tribal militants who massacred 50 sleeping Muslim refugees.
Soldiers in battle fatigues

fanned out around a refugee camp where the Muslims were killed by members of the outlawed Bodo Security Force (BSF) in Assam state Sunday.

"The army is in the area,"

a spokesman for the Assam

state government said here.

"But there is a lot of tension and fear. We are urging the (camp) inmates not to move The spokesman said fresh paramilitary contingents from New Delhi were on the

way to Assam to beef up security.
Some 15 BSF gunmen raided the refugee camp at a village some 100 kilometres (62 miles) from here early

Sunday, firing indiscriminately with automatic rifles and lobbing grenades. They tried to torch the camp before At least 50 people were killed in the 40-minute attack. It left more than 100 others, including women and children, injured. Many were

in serious condition in a hos-Policemen guarding the camp managed to kill two of the assailants but later ran away, leaving the refugees to fend for themselves, witnes-

Distraught victims poured ont their woe to three ministers, including Minister of State for Home Affairs Rajesh Pilot, who visited the area Sunday. Zahiruddin, a 26-year-old

Muslim man, told reporters that the Bodo gunmen began firing "from all directions."
"The 10 policemen guarding us tried to fight back but

were outnumbered," he said. "They ran away." "Terror-stricken people

started running in all direc-tions," he said. "People were screaming, there was total "There was smoke and fire everywnere.

my wife and children) bnddled in a corner and managed to save our lives. We later crawled to the onter periphery of the camp. Perhaps they (Bodos) left us for dead." In New Delhi, Mr. Pilot,

who cancelled a trip to Kashmir to rush to Assam after hearing of the cold-blooded attack, vowed to wage a "counter-offensive" against the BSF, which is fighting to set up a Bodo homeland "A counter-offensive must

have already started," be told AFP after returning from Guwahati, where he held discussions with Assam Chief Minister Hiteshwar Saikia and top army officers.

"It is the duty of the state government to wipe out these killers," he said. "We will take care of the BSF." Mr. Pilot admitted that the state government, controlled by his own Congress (I) Par-

ty, was to blame for the



Martin McGuinness (left) member of the Sinn Fein's Executive Council, and Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams stand together at the end of the Sinn Fein conference (AFP photo)

Dublin disappointed by Sinn Fein vote on peace plan

DUBLIN (R) — The Irish government said Monday it was disappointed in a decision by the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein to hasically reject an Anglo-Irish blueprint for peace in Northern

Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said Sinn Fein was only pushing itself out of mainstream talks.

"They are bringing political isolation on themselves," he told Britain's Press Association news agency.

'Their leadership and the rest of us must be living in

different worlds if they see what happened yesterday as a positive development."

A Foreign Ministry spokes-

man said no one was sur-prised by Sinn Fein's deci-sion. "But the initial reaction is one of disappointment." Sinn Fein delegates Sunday called the declaration, which called on the IRA to lay

down its arms, a step in the peace process but said it was no solution. The plan offered Sinn Fein a place at peace talks if the Irish Republican Army, stop-ped fighting British rule in

Northern Ireland "We bad hoped they would try to find a solution for Northern Ireland, he added. Irish opposition Fine Gael Party leader John Bruton said he thought the IRA had no intention of ever ending the violence The British and Irish governments should now recog-

find enough in the declara-tion to declare a cessation of

violence," the Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The Irish and British governments

would continue to meet and

nise that it was a mistake to waste time with Sinn Fein and proceed immediately to try to get talks on the future of Northern Ireland going be-tween parties that do not use violence," he said. We have lost two years

because of this mirage of Sinn Fein's cessation of violence." At s special meeting in this small horderland town of Letterkenny in the Irish Re-public, Sinn Fein delegates giving the party's first formal reply to the joint peace dec-laration said it did not offer

enough and was contradic-tory, but could be a first step. "We are all agreed that the declaration is a step, not a

solution," Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams told delegates.

Solzhenitsyn set to speak his mind; meet Yeltsin

MOSCOW (R) - Writer Alexander Solzbenitsyn vowed Sunday to remain independent of rival political groups hut said he could not keep silent about the suffering of post-Soviet Russia. In his first television inter-

view since returning to Moscow Thursday after a twomonth train journey across Russia, Mr. Solzhenitsyn said he expected to meet President Boris Yeltsin.

"There will undoubtedly he a meeting," the 75-year-old Nobel Prize winner told Independent Television's Itogi programme. He said he had returned to

Russia "as a writer" after 20 vears in exile. "It is necessary top differentiate hetween social and political activity... I will not occupy any (political) posts," be said. (But) the misfortune of

Russia is so great that no citizen can be indifferent to what is happening... I will say wbat I think is right and

Mr. Solzhenitsyn would continue to assume the role of writer and moral arbiter familiar to Russian literature since the days of 19th century Mr. Solzhenitsyn has peppered his public comments

The writer, author of books that portrayed the hru-

temporary flat in central Moscow. The writer plans to settle in the capital until a house being built for him on the outskirts of Moscow is completed.

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TOKYO (R) - Gamblers betting on a genuine long shot cleaned up at a Japanese racetrack when two "no-hope" horses finished first and second at odds of 2,1712 to one, the Japan Racing Association (JRA) said Monday. Some punters staked just 5,000 yen (\$51) on the unlikely combination result and walked away from Niigata Rscetrack, in northern Japan, On Sunday with winnings of 13.56 million yen (about \$138,000). Neither of the two rank outsiders in the 15-horse 1,400-metre race had finished in the first 10 on their previous two outings, the JRA said.

New N. Korean leader wears high heels

TOKYO (R) — Kim Jong-Il, new leader of North Korea, is so sensitive about being short that he wears high-heeled shoes, a Japanese magazine reported Monday. Little is known for sure about the pudgy, mysterious Kim, who took the helm of the Stalinist state following the death of his father. President Kim II-Sung. on July 8. Now, however, the weekly Shukan Bunshun reports that for vears he has sent out aides looking for skilled shoemak-ers who could make him appear taller. The magazine also published two photographs clearly showing Kim Jong-11 wearing platform shoes. At first Mr. Kim had the shoes made in Switzerland and Austria, but later turned to artisans in his own country, the magazine said. Chinese dwarf

taller after operation

BEIJING (R) — A Chinese dwarf experienced a "miraculous" growth spurt after what the Workers' Daily Monday called an unprecedented transplant operation. Tian Yu, a 15-year-old student who had not grown in eight years, shot up 4.5 cm (I.8 in) in just I4 weeks and is now 130 cm (4 ft 3 in) tall, the newspaper said. Doctors at Harbin Medical University Hospital transplanted cul-tured pituitary gland cells from an embryo into his brain in march in the first such operation in the world, the # newspaper said.

U.S. army band instruments stolen

HOUSTON (AP) -- About \$500,000 worth of musical instruments belonging to the U.S. Army band that performs at the White House were stolen Sunday from a rental truck, officials said. The truck, which was en route to a concert in San Antonio, Texas, disappeared early in the morning from a hotel parking lot. Police found it empty Sunday afternoon, said army Staff Sgt. Donald Newsome, one of two men assigned to drive the instruments from the band's base at Fort Myers in Arlington, Va., to San Anto-nio. "It was the complete concert hand setup, from timpani down to the smallest instruments — ehimes. xylophones, sax, tuhas," Sgt. Newsome said. Band members were travelling separately. Police spokesman Rick Hartley said investigators had no leads. The hand was scheduled to perform Monday for the Texas Bandmasters Association. Sgt. Newsome didn't know if the hand had other equipment, but some hand members were attempting to horrow instruments. The hand, also known as "Pershing's Own," is the only army band that performs at White House ceremonies.

All bets on for **British wedding**

LONDON (R) — A British couple has asked their wedding guests to make bets on their behalf at the bookmakers instead of sending presents. Television sports quiz host Will Buckley and his bride to be Grainne O'Driscoll sent out a list to 150 friends with odds agreed with bookmakers William Hill, the Sun newspaper reported. They ranged from s 20 to one gamble on Chelsea winning the Football Association Cup title next year, to odds of 33 to one on the couple having twins. If any of the bets come up, the London couple will collect the winnings, the newspaper said Mondsy. Will, 29, was quoted as saying: "Even if we don't win anything, we will still have a lot of fun. Generally the idea has been well received."

Bar manager wins Hemingway look-alike contest KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) - After five years of beard grow in order to win. He also wore

trying, a har manager won the Ernest Heming-way Look-Alike Contest — thanks to a beard, he back every year now as a judge, but at least a woul sweater and a little hit of a pannch. I don't have to wear the sweater any more," John Petersen beat out 82 other Hemingway Mr. Petersen said. The Hemingway Days wannabes to claim a one-week stay at a local Celebration, which ended Sunday, was created resort during next year's festival. a \$100 tah at 14 years ago to honour the Pulitzer Prize-Sloppy Jee's Bar, a box of Hentingway cigars, winning anthor who lived on the island for live cases of beer and a front-end alignment for years. Petersen (centre) of Tavernier, Fla., is his car. He said he gained weight and let his cheered by previous winners of the contest in

Key West (AFP photo)

A victory in the provincial election would be the second of a three-step plan Mr. Parizean has mapped out to-ward separation. The first was getting a strong presence in Ottawa. Last fall the proseparatist Bloc Quebecois won enough votes to become the second largest party represented in parliament. The last step would be a

referendum victory. But Mr. Johnson, who has only served as premier for six months and said the campaign is "the most important one" of his life, warned Quebeckers to think seriously before voting.

"The people of Quebec will bave to choose their destiny," Mr. Johnson said. Quebeckers will decide between two options: Separation or economie union.'

Ever since French President Charles De Gaulle visited Montreal in 1967 and uttered the separatist rallying cry, "vive le Quebec libre" (long live free Quebec), there has been a fierce debate over

margin in a divisive 1980 re-ferendum which tore families and political alliances apart. Since then the passion of the dehate has subsided. But the Parti Quebecois hopes to profit from weariness among

Quebeckers after nine years of Liberal rule that bas left a rising public deht, high taxes and unemployment hovering around 13 per cent. Despite his legacy, Mr. Johnson, a strong supporter of keeping Quebec within Canada, said he would stress the improvement in the

Quebec economy and job creation in the campaign. Three major public opinion polls published just before the election announcement gave the Parti Quebecois a seven to 10 percentage point lead over the Liberals.

But the same surveys show Quebeckers are ambivalent about whether they should seek a divorce from Canada. A Leger Leger poll pub-lished last week showed that

with about 46.5 per cent in

support for a separate Quebec has fallen recently,

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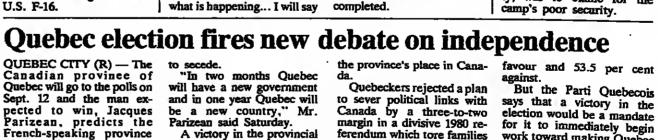
But the Parti Quebecois says that a victory in the election would be a mandate for it to immediately begin work toward making Quebec a sovereign nation.

According to the Parti Quebecois platform, it would ask the provincial legislature — the National Assembly — to adopt a declaration giving the govern-ment s mandate to seek independence and hold a referendum of voters. A simple majority endors-

ing independence in a referendum would be enough to proceed with secession, the party says. An independent Quebec

would gather all its own tax revenues, make its own laws, join international treaties, it says. It would also continue to use the Canadian dollar as its currency and maintain existing import tariffs with the rest of the world. The 6.9 million Quebec

citizens would hold a Quebec passport, but the government would be willing to negotiate dusl Canadisn/Quehec citizenship, the Parti Quebe-



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BANGKOK (AP) Grouped in an informal oval, their previous two only foreign policy chiefs of 17 nations and the European Union beld unprecedented talks Monday oo preventing armed conflicts in Korea, the South China Sea and elsewhere in Asia.

The ministers chatted close TOKYO 1R) - Kim logg new leader of North Korg, sa sensitive about being the that he wears high-leek up in a hotel family smite, an arrangement designed to start the process of building trust among nations, includ-ing China, Russia, the United States and Vietnam, that

have sparred in the past. Tensions on the Korean peninsula and competing territorial claims over islands io the Sonth China Sea were raised, said Michael Costello, Sung on July 8 Var. Phowever, the week Suka secretary of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

"They were moch more adventurous and willing to talk — about anything — than I expected," he told reporters.

The atmosphere was quite good, considering that five years ago yon would have been laoghed off the premises for suggesting that 18 foreign ministers would have gotten together in one room at all, much less discuss quite sensitive issues," said a delegate from New Zealand who demanded anonymity.

He said many specifie proposals were presented and they would be studied before the next security forum next

The Association of South East Asian Nations organised the three-bour forum as part of the annual meeting of foreign ministers of ASEAN and its allies and neighbours.

These were the first multilateral, ministerial-level security talks in Asia, and participants avolded overlyspecific discussion of conflicts so as to avoid contention.

The end of the cold war has ended the Soviet threat and Vietnam's military occupaoperation in the world. to tion of Cambodia, but Asia now faces North Korea's nnclear threat and renewed worries of fighting in the south China Sea, where six Asian oations have competing

> Also worrisome are continuing civil war in Cambodia, the military regime in Burma, and an arms build-no in Asia while defence spending decreases worldwide.

Four key nations were not at Monday's talks: Cambodia, North Korea, Burma and Taiwan, a claimant to the Sootb China Seas that couldn't appear because of

opposition from Beijing. Participants were ASEAN members Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines; ASEAN dialogue partners Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and the United States; and China, Russia, Laos, Papua New

Guinea and Vietnam. Several countries proposed starting with greater "trans-parency" to build trust, including publication by each country of papers of its defence policy and military status. Another proposal called

for a regional arms register. Still others ranged from the most basic — declarings non-use of force — to the most ambitious — formation of a regional peacekeeping force to complement United Na-

tions forces. "However, no attempts shoold be made to use confidence-building measures and preventive diplomacy to resolve internal conflict or problems of a country," said a statement presented at Monday's talks Chinese Foreign Minister

Qian Qichen. Philippine Foreign Secretry Roberto Romulo proposed volleyball among military units in the South China Sea to

foster friendship. "We have identified this game after serious study and consultation," bis statement said. "It symbolises the teamwork and cooperation that would be required to prevent potential conflict."

He said nations should join m an ASEAN declaration pledging only peaceful means

of resolution. Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas proposed that. the informal South China Sea workshops that Indonesia has organised since 1990 be upgraded to the government



A young Rwandan carry her brother heads for by American forces into the mountainous the distribution area for food aid parachated border zone (AFP photo)

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Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AFP)

— Three Indian army sol-diers and a Muslim militant

were killed in a shootout

Monday in the north Kashmir

town of Kopwara, as a strike

by thousands of government workers disrupted life in the

Police in Srioagar, the

Kashmir summer capital, said

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gunmen traded fire for more

than three hours io the Cho-

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The gun battle coincided

with anti-Indian protests in a

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who took to the streets fol-

lowing the alleged killing of

two brothers by Indian secur-

Chanting anti-Indian slo-

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Six were allowed to go but

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In the northern Kashmir

district of Baramulla, mean-

while, two women were kid-

oapped and killed by Muslim

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Elsewhere in the valley the

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tants Sunday night, including

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Bosnian Serbs threaten new pressure on U.N.

SARAJEVO (R) — Bosnia's Serbs threatened to "make life difficult" for the United Nations in Bosnia as mediators met Monday to consider whether to punish them for effectively rejecting

the latest peace plan. Senior officials of the fivenation "cootact group" conferred in Moscow in an effort to rescue the plan which has been accepted by the Muslim-Croat alliance hot not so far by the Bosnian Serbs.

The meeting was also ex-pected to decide whether contact group foreign ministers would meet as previously scheduled in Geneva on July 30 to weigh possible measures to punish the Serbs for not accepting the plan.

In Sarajevo, the U.N. said the Bosnian Serb military commander, General Ratko Mladie, had threatened to restrict the U.N.'s freedom of movement if his demands for the release of Serb prisoners held by the Muslim-led Bosnian government were not

U.N. sources bave blame the Serbs for shooting at U.N. aircraft at Sarajevo Airport last week and interpreted the action as being designed to increase pressure on the peacekeepers at a time when the contact group is considering taking military measures against the Serbs

At a meeting last week, with General Sir Michael Rose, the U.N. commander in Bosnia, Gen. Mladie refused to allow the U.N. to fly 35 patients out of the Muslim enclave of Gorazde until 500 Serb detainees are freed, a U.N. spokeswoman said

over the peace plan.

Monday. The Bosnian government has refused to release them until they get a full accounting for their own missing personnel.

The U.N. denounced as unacceptable any linkage between the prisoner issue and medical evacuations. It said Gen. Madic had told Gen. Rose the Serbs were ready to take action to block the U.N.'s freedom of movement in Bosnian Serb territory af-

ter July 30. "They didn't specifically say stopping freedom of movement completely after the 30th, but they did say they would make our lives more difficult," U.N. spokeswoman Claire Grimes said. She also said the Serbs had violated a U.N.-imposed heavy weapons exclusion

KIEV (AP) - Only 19 legis-

lators were elected in the

latest round of voting to fill

112 vacant seats in Ukraine's

parliament, and low turnoot

spoiled elections in many dis-

tricts, officials reported Mon-

Elections were declared

valid in 64 districts where the

turnout reached the required

50 or more per cent. But in 45

of those constituencies.

neither candidate received

the necessary 50 or more per

cent of the vote in Sunday's

The Central Election Com-

mission said runoffs in these

districts will be held in two

weeks, and io those where

elections were declared in-

valid, a new round will be

The results were a dis-

appointment for the revived

Communist Party and its con-

servative allies, who hoped to

increase their already signifi-

cant share of parliament seats

Of those actually elected,

14 people were not affiliated

with any party and the rest

belonged to small centrist

held io November.

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Only 19 elected in latest

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zone around Gorazde by opening fire on residents within the enclave with a 40mm anti-aircraft gun.

Ms. Grimes said a woman

was killed and a man wounded in Gorazde Sunday when Serbs opened fire on a group of people gathering in the harvest. The incident was a violation of an agreement allowing harvesting to take place peacefully.
In Moscow, the ITAR-

TASS news agency said De-fence Minister Pavel Grachev would fly to former Yugoslavia Tuesday to meet local political leaders and army commanders.

Russian First Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov chaired a meeting of the coo-tact group, which comprises Britain, the U.S., Russia, France and Germany, in Moscow. He said the group was doing all it could to win full support for the peace

"We believe we bave a plan that is balanced and realistic and reflects the interests of all sides... to abandon it would hardly be expedieot," he told TASS.

The plan awards 51 per cent of Bosnia to the Muslim-Croat federation, while the Serbs, who control 70 per cent of the former Yogoslav republic, would have to roll, back to 49 per cent.

French Defence Minister Francois Leotard said there tions were preparing for an evectual rejection of the pace plan and an outbreak of new bostilities.

"For the moment, it is only a rejection on the part of Bosnian Serbs. But the definitive rejection of this peace plan would incootestably set off a resumption of hostilities across all the territory of ex-Yugolsavia," be told Radio Luxembourg.

In Sarajevo, the United Nations announced it was reopening the airport after a series of closures since last Wednesday as a result of gunfire directed at U.N. aircraft.

A U.N. military aircraft touched down and took off again Monday morning without incident. The U.N. also disclosed

that two French soldiers missing from their posts in Sarajevo since Thursday night, appeared to have gone over to the Bosnian Serbs. "It was a deliberate attempt (to leave) on their part," said Ms. Grimes. "They put pillows in their beds."

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"Apathy of the people bas resulted io our defeat," said

Vladimir Melnik of the Com-

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to carry them through. At

present, his Inter-regional Bloc of Reforms (IBR) con-

trols only 30 seats. The pro-

Communist majority in par-

liament opposes privatisation

and wants to curb presiden-

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parliament has substantially

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those elected are not affili-

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some might join our faction.

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Mr. Kuchma, a proponent

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diplomatic support.

French clash with Rwandan militia; Zaire camp deaths rise

clashed with Hutu militia killers in southwest Rwanda while the death toll in Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire climbed to 11,000.

French forces struggling to contain looting and a mass movement of refugees into Zaire said they skirmished with Hutu militia for three nights near Bugarama.

Foreigo Legion Lieuteoant-Colonel Jacques Hogard said his men, probahly the toughest in the French army, inflicted casualties. The Legionnaires suffered none, he added.

"We are hnoting them," Col. Hogard said Sunday in Cyangugu io the Freuch-declared "safe zone." The "interahamwe" (those

who fight together) are a French-trained Hutu militia who played a leading role in massacring members of the Tutsi-mioority after the Hutu government lauoehed its genocidal purge of Rwanda's former feudal rulers in April.

Now with the army defeated by the Tutsi-dominated Rwaoda Patriotic Froot (RFP), the militia are coercing the Hutu popolatioo into joining them in exile, pillaging what is left of Rwanda and carrying out hit-and-run attacks on Tutsis.

With a cholera epidemie killing more Rwandans in refugee camps in eastern Zaire, the United Nations said Monday that existing mass graves had all been filled.

"The death toll continues to rise. Our rough estimate is that 11,000 have died," U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) spokesman Ray Wilkinson told reporters in the Zairean border town of Goma.

"All the existing mass graves have been filled and we're looking for new sites for this grisly task." But Mr. Wilkinson also

struck a more optimistle note in saying that more food was being delivered to the remote

GOMA, Zaire (R) — French Zaire camps and that Foreign Legionnaires have thousands of refugees had begun to go home to Rwan-

> We maybe turning the corner, reaching rock bottom, climbing out of the abyss in which we have falleo," he said.

> On Sunday U.S. military planes dropped food aid to Rwandan refugees in what aid workers said was a senseless operation, bot many sick and hungry Hutus gave up waiting for help anyway and began the long trek home. Three C-130 plane targeted

an airstrip oear Katale refugee camp but witnesses said that instead of flying along the strip they flew across and dropped thier load over the countryside, as far as one mile (1.5 ko) off the mark. Mr. Wilkinson said that

UNHCR was planning to position its officials in the towns of northwestern Rwanda along the route that refugees, being encouraged to return, could take home. The U.N. wants to get trucks to help ferry those too weak to make the journey on

foot hack home and Mr. Wilkinson said the refugees would be able to feed off abuodant crops standing in the fields unharvested. But he added: "Our souod-

ings in the camps also tell us many people are terrified they will be killed if they go home." Rwanda's President Pas-

teur Bizimungu left for Mauritius Monday for talks with Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko to speed up the return of refugees from Zaire. Mr. Bizimungu, iostalled

last Tuesday at the head of an RPF government, appealed to the United States to use the largely-deserted capital Kigali as its main coordination point for aid to Rwanda, "We will discuss the re-

fugee situation io Zaire. The Zairean authorities have put some obstacles preventing refugees from returning." Mr.

Bizimungu told reporters at of Goma uncollected," aid Kigali Airport before leaving for Mauritius.

In the last week, thousands of corpses have been dumped ioto deep trenches dug by French forces from Operanon Turquoise on the edge of Goma town's cemetery.

Medicios Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders) spokeswoman Isabel Pardieo told reporters daily deaths had risen from 10 per 10,000 last week to 30 per 10,000 over the weakend — a total of about 3,000 a day.
"It's getting worse. We see

the bodies on the roads hut not far into the camps," Ms. Pardieu said.

French soldiers are only collecting corpses that turn op in Goma town, and many are piling up around the camps to the north and west

workers said. Mr. Bizimungu said Mon-day he would investigate

whether a leading Hntu politician has being held by the Rwandan Patriotic Front. Mr. Bizimungu told repro-

ters he did not know the whereabouts of Hutu politician Sylverstre Kamali, missing for oearly two weeks.

Mr. Kamali's wife Sunday said her husband was abducted by RPF fighters at a roadblock in the capital Kigali oo July 14.

Philemone Kamali said she beleives he was taken because of his refusal to join RPF forces during the three month civil war sparked by the assassination of President Juvenal Habyarimana April



Rwandan refugees and a French soldier work on undoing the wraps of an air-dropped aid package near Goma, Zaire (AFP

Prosecutor seeks 11 years jail for Craxi

MILAN (Agencies) - A lars from Banco Ambrosiano rant against Mr. Sciascia's decree and ignoring the con-Milan public prosecutor before it collapsed in 1982 in deputy Gianmarco Rizzi, a stitutional separation of powasked a court Monday sentence former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi to 11 years in jail for fraoduleot bankruptcy in the collapse of Italian bank Banco Ambrosiano over a decade ago, court sonrees said.

It was the first of a number of trials for corruption and the illegal financing of political parties involving the burly former Socialist Party chief to reach the summing up stage when the prosecutors ask for

sentencing. Mr. Craxi was not in court to hear the poblic prosecutor wind up the case for the prosecution. The former politician has been at his holiday home in Tunisia for months with his lawyers arguing be is too ill to travel with complications stemming

from the diabetes, from which he has long suffered. The prosecutor asked for 10 years jail for former Justice Minister Claudio Martelli, once Mr. Craxi's number two in the Socialist Party, and seven years each for a former vice-presideot of state energy group NI and Licio Gelli,

strike by more than 30,000 once the grandmaster of the hanned P2 Masonie Lodge. Mr. Craxi and Mr. Martelli are accused of having accepted several million dol-

Italy' biggest post-war bank failure. Banco Ambrosiano Chairman Roberto Calvi, a member of the P2, was later found hanging from Lon-don's Blackfriars' Bridge.

The former Socialist Party leader, once one of Italy's most powerful politicians, faces two other trials in Milan and about 20 investigations in connection with suspected corruption.

Meanwhile, the director of central financing at Premier Silvio Berlusconi's Fininvest media empire reported Monday to judges investigating the "clean hands" corruption probe.

Salvatore Sciascia was immediately hroughs before Judge Antonio Di Pietro, the star of the anti-corruption campaign, to face charges of tax evasion in a probe into alleged collusion between leading companies and finance police, Milan judicial

officials said. A warrant had been issued for his arrest Saturday, along with 22 others, just two days after magistrates won back powers to detain corruption suspects following a climbdown by Mr. Berlusconi over a controversial decree. Police issued a similar war-

former finance police officer amid reports that Mr. Berlusconi's businessman brother Paolo, already facing corruption charges, was also being probed for tax evasion. The new wave of arrests

puts Mr. Berlusconi in a difficult positiou, increasing criticism that he is mixing up the interests of state with his private commercial interests which he bas oot yet given

A meeting Sunday evening appeared to illustrate the point as Gianni Letta, undersecretary at the prime minister's office and former vice president of Fininvest, and Cesare Previti, minister of defence and former Fininvest lawyer came to his villa in Arcore, near Milan, to discuss the whole affair.

Mr. Berlusconi's fractious government enalition. weakened by the row forcing him to withdraw a decree depriving judges of the right to detain corruption suspects, is already showing fresh craeks in response to the latest initiative.

Tiziana Maiolo of the prime minister's Forza Italia Party, who heads parliament's Judicial Committee, accused the judge of "getting revenge" for the withdrawn

But a leader of Forza Italia's coalitioo partner, the Northern League, said the investigations should cootinue.

The truth is that Silvio Berlusconi entered politics to defend his own and others' ioterests," said the League's Luca Orsenigo.

Mirko Tremaglia of the ruling coalition neo-fascist National Alliance, who chairs the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, also thanked Judge Di Pictro Sunday for "continuing his

campaign for cleanliness." The centre-left opposition played on the government's confusioo Monday, after accusing the premier Sunday of tryiog to impose the con-troversial decree "to prevent any light being cast on the affairs of Fininvest."

Luigi Berlioguer, president of the left-wing group in par-liament, asked Mr. Berlusconi to explain the Sunday meeting at Arcore which ineluded two government offi-

"How does the prime minister intend to distioguish between his private business and his official responsibilines," asked Mr. Berlinguer.

Ousted Gambian leader to stay in Senegal for now

DAKAR (R) — Gambia's ousted President Sir Dawda Jawara, granted political asylum by Senegal after a coup hy young army officers, will stay in Dakar while he decides his next move. Senegalese officials said Monday.

Sir Dawda arrived Sunday But the allies of Ukraine's on a U.S. warship with about new president, Leonid Kuch-40 relatives and government officials, including Vice President Saidou Sahally and Finance Minister Bakary Dar-

"Jawara will stay at the Medina residence for the time being," an official said, referring to the sumptuous government guest house in In Banjul, diplomats said

people were going to work normally Monday but the airport and land borders were still closed. The 70-year-old leader

took shelter on the U.S. Navy tank-landing ship La Moure County in Banjul Harbour after troops rampaged through the capital Fri-

A Provisional Ruling

Council of young army officers has taken power in Banjul, pledging to end corruption and establish a mainly civilian government soon. In Mali, which borders

Senegal, the civilian government elected io 1992 after the overthrow of military strongman Moussa Traore expressed its concern and itged the coup leaders to find a democratic solution to their grie-

"Recent history shows that a coup d'etat has never brought a satisfactory response to problems of economie development and the search for a democratic administration offering hope nor greater social justice." a government statement said.

There was no official reaction from Nigeria, which under the terms of a 1992 defence pact provides the colonel commanding the 800strong Gambian army and 70 military advisers.

The young Gambian army officers who took power in a bloodless coup have tight-

ened their hold on power. Lieutenant Yayeh Jameh received amhassadors and religious leaders at State House Sunday afternoon and promised a new government would be named as soon as possible.

"As soon as a new government is instituted which will be composed of mostly civilians, democracy will be in place and we will welcome all contributions from all corners of this country to make sure that everything is done in the right way.

"Transparency and accountability will be the order of the day," he told British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Radio.

Banjul was reported to be calm Saturday. "We haven't heard any shooting. Everything seems to be quite quiet as far as we can see at the moment," said a diplomat at Britain's high commission.

Jawara is the third African leader to find shelter in Senegal after Ahmadou Ahidjou of Cameroon, who resigned in 1982, and Chad's

Hissene Hahre, overthrown in 1990. Lt. Jameh, meanwhile,

seemed set to join the ranks of young officers who have seized power in West Africa promising to end corruption and hand over 10 civilian rule. Journalists in Banjul said he was 26 years old.

Ghana's President Jerry Rawlings, a flight lieutenant who took power in a coup in 1981, resigned from the air force to contest elections in 1992.

Sierra Leone's 27-year-old leader. Captain Valentine Strasser, seized power in a coup in April 1992 and has promised multi-party elections next year. Diplomats say he models himself on Mr. Rawlings but his April 29 revolution has begun to run out of steam as the rebel war

he pledged to end drags on. The new four-member Provisional Ruling Council appealed to people to report for work Monday and asked permanent secretariat to assume the duties of government ministers who have fled

or been detained. An overnight curfew remained in force from 7 p.m.

to 7 a.m. Interior Minister Lamine Kiti Jabang took refuge in Senegal's southern province of Casamanee, near the Gambian border.

Officials said 10 Nigerian officers working with the military had been put under house arrest. They included the former commander of the Cambian army, Colonel Boubakar Dada, who was preparing to leave Gambia. His replacement Colooel Lawan Gwadabe, who took office last month, is currently in Nigeria.

Gambia is a country of one million people surrounded on three sides by Seregal. Its beaches are a popular destination for British tourists, about 1,000 of whom are believed to be on holiday there.

Britain's Foreign Office advised the British tourists in Gambia to stay in their hotel complexes.

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Peace is a state of mind

ARMED WITH the Constitution of the land and the support of an overwhelming majority of the Jordanian people, His Majesty King Hussein yesterday signed in Washington a historical document ending the 46-year-old state of war between Jordan and Israel. In the document itself and in remarks the King made during the signing ceremony at the White House, Jordan pledged commitment to the cause of making peace among all the peoples of the region. The document, hailed by President Bill Clinton as "a bold step to write a new history," emphasises the two countries' commitment to the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours in accordance with U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. It outlines achievements so far accomplished between the two countries' negotiators, especially regarding territorial and water rights. It also contains further agreements on areas that will lead to the eventual normalisation of relations between the two countries and peoples. In short, the document, as described by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, is the closest the two sides could get to a peace treaty.

The objective of signing a peace treaty between the two countries was made second to the objective of the quest for "a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and its

We hope, therefore, that Israel and the other Arab parties would move ahead and soon conclude agreements similar to the once signed by the King and the Israeli prime minister in Washington yesterday that would lead to peace treaties among all the parties.

Jordanians might not rejoice at the moment. But they have the confidence in their leadership to deliver them in times of peace as it did in times of war. Many of them pride themselves today at the thought that their sons in the Jordanian Armed Forces bring peace to the peoples of Bosnia, Cambodia, Angola and other hotspots in the world, long before Israelis could spare their sons for alleviating the sufferings of Rwandans, as Mr. Rabin noted yesterday.

We certainly would like to see more and more Israeli soldiers bringing peace to the people all over the world, not the least Palestinians. For the whole conflict in the Middle East has started with the displacement of the Palestinians and the denial of their national rights.

As Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali remarked last week at his meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Secretary of State Warren Christopher "peace is a state of mind." What Jordan hopes it did yesterday is to have put all the parties concerned in a peaceful state of mind. Jordan has opened the door into a new dawn for itself, Israel and the rest of the Arah World.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

THE WASHINGTON summit meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a natural development in the long peace process which started in Madrid, said a columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Monday. The Jordanians and the Israelis have been holding direct contacts since the start of the Madrid conference at the bilateral and the multilateral levels, and the Washington parley comes as a climax to these meetings intended to regain the lost and the usurped Arab rights. said Mahmoud Rimawi. The United States has been persistant in demanding this summit to take place, and therefore the U.S. administration is expected to offer Jordan and the Arab parties a fair treatment and a just and balanced settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict that would guarantee the rights of all parties, particularly the Palestinian people, said the writer. We expect economic aid from Washington and a neutral stand on the part of the American administration in handling issues pertaining to the Arab-Israeli conflict, added the writer. Furthermore, said the writer, the Washington meeting should prompt Israel to declare its full readiness to comply with all U.N.

A columnist in Al Dustour demanded the creation of a special cultural committee in Jordan to handle issues related to normalisation of cultural relations with Israel. Taher Al Adwan said that while the hue and cry was raised when columnist Sultan Al Hattab appeared on Israel television discussing Palestinian rights, there was no reaction whatsoever to the appearance of other Jordanian journalists on Israeli television or the presence of Israeli journalists in Jordan reporting about its social and cultural life. Issues pertaining to normalisation with Israel should not be left to the whims and mood of certain people or remain hanging in the balance and shrouded with mystery. said the writer. There is no point in depriving our intellectuals of the chance to attend an international conference where Israel is represented, and there is no justification for preventing them from presenting Arab views, he added. The Israelis, said the writer, have defeated the Arabs in the battlefield but this should not prevent the Arabs from beating the Israelis in cultural

The View from Fourth Circle

Turkey's many doors, challenges and neighoburs

ANKARA, Turkey — I have been here in Ankara for a few days attending a media conference, and have been struck by the similarities in the issues confronting Turks and Arabs. In the few years since the end of the cold war, it has become obvious that one of the great consequences of this historic moment of transformation in the Middle East and in Europe is the question that comprises issues such as national identity, inter-communal relations within single states, and the very national configuration of existing states.

States that have been stable and that have progressed for many decades throughout this century are suddenly having to deal with new but native forces of identity, ethnicity, religion and political culture. These forces are posing important questions about, a) the longevity of the 17th century Anglo-French concept of nation-states as the most appropriate means of organising communities of like-minded people, and h) more specifically, the durability of existing political systems and state configurations in the wider Middle East, in which I include Turkey.

It is interesting that three of the most important "nations" or civilisations in the Middle East since the dawn of human history — Turkey, Egypt, and Iran — are simultaneously experiencing strong political or economic pressures that might slowly modify the state political systems and national structures that have defined them for most of this century or even earlier. Along with Syria and Iraq, which will soon have to deal with similar issues of political identity, Turkey, Iran and Egypt have effectively set the tone of national develop-ment and determined the regional condition of virtually the entire Middle East for many centuries.

I do not mean to suggest that these countries may disappear, or be radically transformed into new shapes, sizes or demographic make-ups. They will almost certainly remain within their existing state borders for many years to come. But also they will almost certainly experience substantial changes in the forms and sentiments that now define their political systems — changes that will continue to set the patterns for the socio-economic conditions and national political cultures of the region as a whole.

Being the regional trend-setters that they are due to the sheer bulk and force of their demography, culture and economy, it is no coincidence that during the past century and a half Turkey, Iran and Egypt each have tried in turn to respond to the challenge of European colonial civilisation by becoming European themselves. The ruling elites and economic experiences of Turkey and Egypt in the 19th century were both deeply influenced by the desire to become European in character, while the shah of Iran more recently tried to turn his country into an integral part of the strategic alliance and the industrial economy of the North Atlantic community of states. A central state goal of Turkey today remains membership in the European Union (EU), which

Turkey is perhaps the most interesting and important of these three dominant regional civilisations because of its literally and figuratively — pivotal strategic position at the junction of Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East. It may also represent a harbioger of things to come in other eastern Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and Islamic/Asian cultures, because it is the ooe state that has moved fastest and furthest on the path towards European-style secular, democratic statebood. This started in the 19th century under the Ottomans, and continued after the revolutionary changes instituted by Ataturk in the early decades of this century.

Observations on the street here and honest discussions with journalists, intellectuals and diplomats all quickly lead to one conclusion: Turkey is dealing with the same sorts of national identity issues that Egypt, Iran and others in the Middle have been addressing since the late 1970s, when the lingering socio-economic and political patterns of post-1920 contemporary Middle Eastern statehood finally slipped, stumbled and wobbled on the material disparities and the cultural and political disequilibrium of the post-1974 oil

Turkey today confronts four important issues that are mirrored in other parts of this region: a) the inclusionary status and political culture of ethnic groups such as Kurds, h) the important role of Islamist political movements, c) the nature and direction of a democratic, pluralistic political system, and d) the fate of all three of these issues in the face of deep and often painful economic restructuring at a time of rising population and stressed economic and natural resource

The important lessons we can learn from Turkey's experience today stem from the fact that it is the most advanced and stable secular democracy in the Arab/Islamic Middle East. Secular democracy is well entrenched in Turkey, despite the fact - or perhaps due to the fact - that the army has had to step in several times in recent decades to assure its continuity. The important new factor facing democratic secularism in Turkey is the double challenge of tribalism (mainly the Kurdish question) and Islamist politics.

Both the Kurdish and Islamist activists accept to play by the rules of modern Turkish democracy, but they both also explicitly demand that the secular nature of the state take into account the cultural and religious dimensions of people's identities. Turkish Kurds and Islamists remain rather vague about the specific changes they want implemented to satisfy their desires, and the military nature of Kurdish cultural and political self-assertion is problematic, unfortunate, probably inappropriate, and almost certainly ineffective in the long

If history is any guide to go by — and Turkey has plenty of that — there can be no lasting military answer to the

questions raised by its own ethnic Kurds and political dialogue. It is a reflection of the strength of Turkish national identity and of the depth of its composure that the political mainstream is clearly willing and able to deal with the issues that bave been raised by those Turks who wish to see adjustments made in Turkey's modern secular democracy.

The result of Turkey's self-assessmeot is important for the rest of us in the Middle East, because the answers and the political changes Turkey may witness in the years to come could determine a crucial issue: whether Turkey maintains its desire to strengthen political and economic ties with Western Europe, or, instead, reorients its political culture and its economy towards its bistorically important Asian/Middle Eastern/Islamic hinterland.

This raises the larger question of national identity that one also hears discussed in Turkey today: Is Turkey a European state, a Middle Eastern/Asianic/Islamic culture, or a credible combination of both? The question is intriguing, but it may not be legitimate. It is possible, as most Turks insist, that Turkey cannot be easily categorised as European or Middle Eastern; it is possible that simply by raising the question foreign observers such as myself are too preoccupied by our own questions of Arab identity to appreciate the authenticity of Turkey's multi-cultural, ideologically pluralistic, politically secular and geographically multi-polar national character.

It is heartening to see Turks struggling with these issues within a methodical, pluralistic context, despite the momentary militarism of the Kurdish question. It is important for Arabs to look closer at the Turkish phenomenon today; we have much to learn from this rare yet sustained experience of an Islamic social and human culture that is grappling with indigenous challenges of ethnicity and Islamist politics within a national political consensus that remains emphatically secular, democratic, pluralistic, and tolerant.

Many in our region are already addressing similar issues of national identity and configuration, seeking the most satisfactory confluence of secular democracy, religious nationalism and the soothing comforts of culture and tribe. We in the Arab World are moving in several different directions in our attempts to come up with suitable answers to these existential onestions. Once again, we can look to Turkey on many different levels: as a neighbour and co-culture perhaps destined to forge its future in close economic and political proximity to the Arab/Islamic Middle East; and perhaps also as a signpost of where we may be heading in the near future.

Turkey is knocking at Europe's front door, but that door remains stubbornly shut. Turkey's other door, meanwhile, opens onto the Arab/Islamic Middle East and the Central Asian republics; it is a door that Turks as well as the rest of us around here should work harder at opening, and walking through, because we seem to be facing the same oational challenges and we would probably be collectively strengthened if we worked at facing those challenges together.



In public debut, younger Kim a far cry from his forceful father

By Laura King The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea -He looked distant, distracted, even bored. He didn't exactly wow the crowd. And someone else delivered his speech for

Wednesday's public de-but of North Korea's presumed new leader, Kim Jong II, graphically illustrated what observers have been saying about him for years: He's no Kim Il Sung. The elder Kim was a

towering figure in North Korea. Forceful and charismatic, he was revered as a The younger Kim is

another story.

At a mass rally in Pyongyang - Kim's first appearance in a public forum since his father's death 12 days ago — he stood silently on the podium, a hit apart from the other officials, wearing a dark Mao suit and black armband.

In footage provided by the North and shown on Japanese and South Korean TV, only one thing about Kim truly evoked his father: He adopted the elder Kim's trademark stance, with hands clasped behind his back.

The foreign minister delivered a speech in Kim's

name, promising good times were at hand in the hard-up North. "We will construct a pa-

radise on this earth, and we

will make sure it is realised"

said the minister, Kim Yong Nam, who is also deputy premier. It wasn't clear why Kim

did not speak. Some analysts believed it was because he has not yet formally received the title of party chief or president. But be's never been a speechmaker - those who have met him say he speaks very rapidly, in an almost disjointed

Although the square was filled with up to a million North Koreans, packed shoulder-to-shoulder, Kim made no move or gesture

acknowledging them.

The lack of excitement was mutual. Foreign diplomats present for the event said the younger Kim's appearance on the podium caused no stir in the crowd. But since the speeches were filled with solemn tributes to the elder Kim, the crowd's silent, stony-faced

It could also be that everyone involved was simply worn out. On Tuesday, during the late leader's funeral procession, official television showed scenes of North Koreans wailing frantically, shaking with emotion.

reaction was not unex-

Kim wasn't alone if he became a hit restless during the rally. A series of speeches, mainly delivered in a chanting monotone, went on for more than an hour. fn the sweltering heat, people fidgeted, soldiers swayed on their feet.

A report by the ITAR-TASS news agency from the North Korean capital said the rally ended ahead of schedule because some

people were fainting. Kim Jong II, 52, looked tired, and appeared to have lost some weight. On seeing the North's television coverage, one analyst even wondered whether he had been ill. "I think his apparent

poor health may explain why state TV showed very little of him," said Katsum Sato, a leading North Korea-watcher in Japan. Since his father's death, Kim had been seen only briefly in private sessions including the funeral ceremony, which was attended only by top officials, and with foreign diplomats.

accepting condoleoce calls. Observers found some encouraging signs in the way the rally was con-

In the speeches, there was none of the anti-U.S. rhetoric that often marks public occasions in the North. That suggests the new Pyongyang government is trying to set the stage for productive talks with the United States on the long-running nuclear

In a sign of Kim's solidifying power base, the armed forces also made a high-profile show of loyal-

"To strengthen the armed forces is to support the new leader with our

the army's No. 2 man. "The whole armed forces will support him."
findications are, though.

that it may be a long time before Kim has the kind of absolute authority his His stepmother, who

observers believe Kim tried to elbow aside, has resurfaced, apparently with a higher spot in the political hierarchy than she pre-viously held.

And the foreign minis-ter's speech mentioned re-

peatedly the importance of the central committee of the Communist Workers' Party. Some South Korean officials thought that might be a subtle signal that any important decision will be made through the committee, not by Kim's personal

Even though South Korean and U.S. observers are confident that Kim's place as successor is secure, the lack of public enthusiasm made for a strange contrast with the flowery official tributes to him.

Loudspeakers blared songs dedicated to the younger Kim, including one titled: "Without you, there would be no fatherland."

The wording of one speech praising him managed, oddly, to suggest that the people of North Korea may simple become resigned to their new leader. Said the foreign minister: "Kimk Jong II is our fate."

Ignoring reality will not do for Arafat's rule

By Hisham Sharabi The implementation of the Palestinian-Israeli peace agreement begins in earnest with Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestinian selfgovernment body, taking up permanent residence in

His return was delayed for two related reasons: a lack of funds and the mounting opposition to bis tional suppliers of the promised funds have repeatedly called for guarantees of accountability before making any payments. The will now have to take will be to set up the kind of administrative machinery the World Bank has been suggesting for months.

Restricted aid, however. is not what Mr. Arafat had in mind. To deal with his other, more serious problem — the growing opposi-tion not just from Islamic militants and other rejectionist groups but from broad segments of the population — he needs to find ways other than of distributing money at elec-

A master of the right manoeuvre at the right time, he had somehow heen able in the past to change despair to hope. He did that mostly by manipulating symbols and ignoring reality and substance.
In Gaza two weeks ago,

judging by many Palestinians reactions, he could not quite pull the same trick. After Mr. Arafat's speech in Gaza city, a Washington Post reporter asked Iyad Sarraj, head of the only psychiatric clinic in Gaza, what he thought of Mr. Arafat. He replied: "He is our symbol of de-During a visit recently to

the West Bank and Gaza, it was clear to me that a serious Palestinian opposition to Mr. Arafat's leadership is already forming on the grassroots level. At a series of meetings held in May in Jerusalem, Bir Zeit and Gaza, and attended by representatives of the different political factions. including Fateh and Hamas, the central issues were democracy, reform and the coming elections of the Palestine Self-Governing Council.

A conference bringing together Palestinians in the diaspora next month will raise the same issues and make the same demands. and will call upon the international community, espe-

cially the donor states. for

direct support. Back among bis people, Mr. Arafat will now have to respond concretely and expeditiously — not in symbols and metaphors — to moderate and rational demands such as are set forth on behalf of many Palestinians by Haidar Abdul Shafi, the much-respected former bead of the Palestinian delegation to

the peace talks. Uppermost among these demands is a commitment by Mr. Arafat to a definite date for the elections (originally scheduled to take place this week) and to setting up an internationally agreed committee to prepare for and carry out the

If the elections do take place on time, if they are carried out democratically and freely, they will not only give the Palestinians a voice in deciding their own affairs but will also show the world that the Palestinian people deserve the right to self-determination and to huild their own independent state.

Mr. Arafat, if he is wisely advised, will have nothing to fear from such elections; on the contrary, he should welcome them. He will have little to risk and much to gain from a free and democratic vote. According to recent polls. Fatch stands to win some 35 per cent of the vote in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and Hamas no more than 18 per cent. Equally to his advantage will be a change in his style of his leadership and the democratisation of public institutions.

Only a free and democratic Palestinian entity alongside Israel will guarantee a genuine and lasting peace. An autocratic regime, such as exists today in many Arab countries, would not last but would inevitably lead to economic and political disintegration with unpredictable consequences.

A rejuvenated Palestinian society, which will necessarily be democratic and secular, will provide the model to many Arab countries now threatened by internal strife of how to overcome the coofrontation between militant Islam and liberal secularism and how to build national unity on freedom of thought and expression and on political and religious tolerance rather than on patriarchal repression and autocracy.

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Iran official: Women should be more prominent

NEWS IN BRIEF

Court bans Yiud MKs from government

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel's supreme court ruled Monday that members of Knesset (MKs) belonging to a small right-wing party could not become cabinet ministers, stymying Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's efforts to expand his minority government. The three-person Yiud Party broke away from the larger Tsomet Party earlier this year, citing allegations of corruptioo against Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan. They signed an agreement with Mr. Rabin's government this mooth whereby they would join his government in exchange for a cabinet post and a deputy minister post. Tsomet and an honesty-in-government movement called Betzedek appealed the deal to the supreme court, citing a law banning legislators from changing sides in exchange for benefits. A three-man panel led by Chief Justice Meir Shamgar ruled in favour of Tsomet and Betzedek. It said it would publish the reasons for its decision at a later date. Yiud leader Gonen Segev. who was reportedly slated to become energy minister, told Israel Radio that the agreement with Mr. Rabin could still be saved. He noted that the decision did not prevent non-legislators from becoming cabinet ministers, suggesting that Yiud officials ontside parliament could still take the posts. Mr. Rahin sought the support of Yiud to gain right-wiog support for peace moves. Government parties have 56 of the parliament's 120 seats. Another five legislators belonging to Arab parties support the government from the outside on all peace moves.

Malaysia to probe prince who visited Israel

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Iovestigators are looking into possible changes against the hrother of Malaysian King Tuanku Jaafar for flouting a ban on travel to Israel, officials said Mondny. The king's brother, Toanku Abdullah Abdul Rahman, reportedly visited Tel Aviv last month for a round of talks on trade and other issues, according to Israeli media. If the reports of Prince Tuanku Abdullah's visit prove true, his passport could he revoked, Law Minister Syed Hamid Albar said Monday. Malaysia does not recognise Israel, Malaysian officials have said they welcome the present progress towards resolving Palestine-Israel conflicts, hut that it is not yet time for Malaysia to establish relations with Israel.

Electrical fault started Khartoum bank fire

KHARTOUM (R) — Investigators have concluded that a fire which gutted the Bank of Sudan, the country's central bank, in Khartoum in March was started by an electrical short-circuit, a Khartoum newspaper reported on Monday. They ruled out criminal action as the cause of the blaze, Al Ingaz Al Watani said. Losses were limited and important documents were saved, it added.

Village head killed for aiding Israel

HEBRON, West Bank (R) — Palestinians killed a West Bank Arab village leader whom they suspected of collaborating with Israel, Palestinians said on Monday. Palestinian sources said Hmaidan Mahmoud Zaareer, 47, mukhtar of Samua village near Hebron, was ambushed Sunday night and shot 12 times. He was killed instantly. Villagers said Zaareer was known for helping Israeli soldiers hunt Palestinian activists and said he had helped sell Arab land to

Turkish president visits Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - Turkish President Suleyman Demirel rrived in Iran on Monday for 2 48-nour visit i bilnteral ties as well as regional and international issues. Mr. Demirel, accompanied by a delegation including Minister of State for Economic Cooperation Ali Sevki Erek and several deputies and businessmen, was welcomed at the airport by President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. It was his first visit to Iran since becoming president last year. Mr. Demirel told reporters that he would discuss hilateral relations and exchange views on regional and international issues. The two neighbours have the "political will" to boost ties and maintain their "friendly relationship," he said. Mr. Demirel last visited Iran as prime minister io October 1992. The visit will aim to boost coordination in the fight against anti-government rehels and to raise the level of trade between the two countries, according to Turkish diplomatic sources in Ankara.

Israeli hospital set up at 'gates of hell'

TEL AVIV (AFP) - An Israeli medical team set up Mooday a field hospital near the Zairean town of Goma. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said, describing the Rwanda border area as "the gates of hell." The situation is "horrible, horrible here, there's oo description for what is happening here," he told Voice of Israel radio. "It's beyond any nightmare." Seven of eight Israeli army Hercules transport aircraft which left Tel Aviv overnight had landed in the region and the 77-strong team had begun erecting the 150-hed hospital, Mr. Sarid said. According to the medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres 3,000 Rwandan refugees are dying every day from cholera and other diseases. "We are establishing our field hospital and tomorrow we hope we will start saving lives. That's what we are here for," Mr. Sarid added.

Heatwaye destroys crops in south Morocco

RABAT (R) — An exceptional heatwave with temperatures above 50 degrees Celsius (122 Fahrenheit) has, destroyed between 20 and 50 per cent of fruit and vegetable crops in South Morocco. The citrus fruit growers associa-tion (ASPAM) said however that citrus groves in the Souss valley were only slightly damaged when sered for a week by a shergui wind from the Sahara. The heat burned plastic sheets over banana and tomato plantations and practically destroyed melon crops planted in the open. The ASPAM gave no figures for losses. It said the damage was being evaluated by the authorides in the area where there is an acute water shortage after two years of drought.

NICOSIA (AP) - A top presidential deputy in maledominated, Islamie Iran wants women to get more access to top jobs, including cabinet positions, the Tehran Times reported Monday. However, it was unlikely the call by Ayatollah Mohajeraoi, vice-president for legal and parliamentary affairs, would greatly change women's roles in a society rigidly controlled by a clerical hierarchy that has long kept them on the sidelines. The English-language daily quoted Ayatollah Mohajerani as saying "social customs and traditions" were to blame for the misconception that women could oot be employed at the executive level. He said "lack of self confidence" in women also was a factor hindering their progress. He said he had appointed a woman to head the legal affairs department at the presidential office, which he called a key post. Excerpts of the interview with the paper were carried by the Islamic Republic News Agency. Ayatollah Mohajerani's statement's followed rallies last weekend by a prominent opposition group that drew thousands in at least a dozen Western capitals in a show of support for Maryam Rajavi, a top female leader of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq's National Council of Resistance.

(Agencies) - Israel recently cut its forces in the West Bank, including the tense cityof Hebron, despite an increase in violence, Israeli

papers reported Monday. Deputy chief of staff Major General Amnon Shahak told the government there was increased violence in the occupied territories since Palestiman leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Gaza on July I, the reports said.

Geo. Shahak, told the weekly cabinet meeting Sunday that the number of stonethrowing and shooting incidents has increased, the daily Haaretz said.

Since July 1, four Israelis have been killed by Palestimans, one during violence at the main Erez crossing point from Gaza into Israel last Sunday.

The Jerusalem Post

ISRAEL and Jordan are like-

ly to sign n peace treaty with-

m a matter of months, Secret-

ary of State Warren Christ-

opher said in an exclusive

interview with The Jerusalem

Mr. Christopher hinted

that an Israel-Jordan peace

treaty would be unlinked to

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Furthermore, Mr. Christ-

opher confirmed for the first time that the U.S. will seek to

alleviate Jordanian debt and

help modernise the Jordanian

army in return for its moving

towards peace with Israel. He

indicated that new military

hardware would be dispatch-

ed from excess supplies of the

able for a Jordan-Israel peace

treaty, Christopher told The

Post: "I think it is likely to be

measured in months rather

than years. It is up to the

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EILAT (Agencies) - A flo-

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Monday to celebrate

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Michal Meir-Saar, spokes-woman for the city of Eilat,

said that passengers on the

boat she was on saw two

Jordanian patrol boats and one Jordanian tughoat

approach the Israeli fleet and

The festive mood in Eilat

was reflected in northern

Israel where Israeli children

sent balloons and kites across

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Israel Radio said the kites

delivered iovitations to

Jordanian children urging

them to join in a celebration

The hour-long cruise for

peace in Eilat came just

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The flotilla of about 50

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A border policeman died early Monday of his wounds incurred when a Palestinian policeman shot him during a mass confusion.

Despite Gen. Shahak's report, the army cut its forces in the West Bank and reduced the number of soldiers posted in Hebron by a third, the Jerusalem Post said. An army spokesman declined to comment on the

troop movement. The spokesman added that the army periodically reev-aluates the security situatison in a given area, and then determines deployment

report because of army policy

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accordingly. Military sources said services in the occupied territories had curtailed training of ground troops deployed there, and the redeployment

Christopher: treaty between

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saying those issues were too sensitive to be discussed pub-

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The secretary voiced confi-

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more prone to move towards

normalising ties with Israel as

a result of yesterday's event.

coming oo the heels of peace

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Israelis with a psychological boost, he said. Christopher

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This is, of course, what the

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Ms. Kurutz only crossed a

few metres into Jordan's wa-

ters before turning to sail along the border for about

half an hour with the rest of

Two Israeli navy patrol

boats patrolled alongside the

fleet, sending out messages in

English on an international

radio wavelength to explain

the Israeli boats were sailing

for peace and would oot cross

A poll taken last week for

the Israeli newspaper Shishi

showed 73 per cent of Israelis

happy with peace develop-

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Israeli newspapers pub-

lished special colour supple-

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Eilat municipal employee

Haim Drori said the boats

from the Aqaba across the

Golf stopped some 700

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tance, the Israelis and Jora-

bonk with the ships' horns to

express our happiness for the

peace which is coming," he

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with them," he said.

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"We started to sing and to

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White House summit.

crossing the border... be-

Israeli territorial waters.

"Yes, we are committed to

Peace moves with Jordan,

Mr. Christopher declined

would help restore their combat readiness.

The Palestine Liberation Orgaoisatioo (PLO) has urged Israel to withdraw its troops from main Palestinian centres in the West Bank by next mooth to reduce frictison and help build grass-roots Palestinian support for the self-rule accord, oow covering only the Gaza Strip and

Jericho. Israel has said a major withdrawal from other West Bank cities and towns would only occur later, at the same time as Palestinian elections. No date has been set for the elections.

Israel and the PLO meanwhile postponed until Toesday a new round of negotiations in Cairo aimed at extending Palestinian autonomy, an Israeli diplomat said în Cairo.

"Both parties agreed late last week for teeboical reasons to resume talks on Tuesday," he said without

claborating. PLO chief oegotiator Nabil Shaath said Wednesday that the talks would resume Mon-

Israel and the PLO are negotiating the transfer of civilian powers to the rest of the West Bank still under occupation, as well as issues that were left unresolved by the May 4 agreement that launched Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. Differences on the extent of Palestinian empowerment

were reported by Dr. Shaath at the end of the second round of talks last week.

Monday the Palestinian National Authority (PNA)

The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, said on

Israel reduces forces in W. Bank led by Mr. Arafat does not represent the Palestioian people.
"The Palestinian authority

has accepted occupatioo, kept the Jewish settlements, abandoned the question of Jerusalem and forgotten the Palestinian refugees," Hamas leader Ahmad Bahr, io an interview.

"It does not represent our people," said Mr. Bahr, a teacher at the Islamic Uni-

versity in Gaza City. These (autonomous) territories are still occupied which gives us a right to pursue a holy war and to resist."

Mr. Arafat has repeatedly called for Palestinian unity and held out a hand to the oppositioo factions such as Hamas which have continued the armed struggle against

Yemen's rivals discuss amnesty

While Mr. Christopher sought to cast the Jordanian military downsizing as a costcutting measure, there is speculation that the move to drop from four to three fighting divisions is being done to make modernisation of the

some to Israel. tion officials have privately denied reports that Jordan has already asked for F-16 aircraft, saying no specific requests have been put forward while the Jordanian review is being undertaken. They have also denied remarks made by Mr. Rabin at the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee last week saying he believed a U.S. memorandum of under-

standing has been reached.

their support, a senior Clinton administration

equipment, Jordan is under taking a review of their milit ary capability. I think they will probably do what many countries have done, and that is, both downsize and modernise. After they have finished that review, we are prepared to work with them, especially with our excess de-

fence articles." Jordanian military unworri-

Senior Clinton administra

Mr. Christopher confirmed that he is reaching out towards congressional leaders to win support for Jordanian debt forgiveness. The secretary of state has already phoned key senators Robert Byrd, Daniel Inouye and Patrick Leahy in a bid to win

official said.

MUSCAT (Agencies) — Yemen's former civil war foes have met in the Omani capital to discuss the amnesty declared hy President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahah Al Ansi said here

Monday. Mr. Saleh's representatives and southern leaders who had fied to Oman when the two-month civil war ended earlier this month discussed the amnesty declared by Yemen's northern presideot in

May, Mr. Ansi told AFP. The amnesty was to apply to all southerners except their leader Ali Salem Al Beidh

and 15 colleagues. But Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, who was here for three days with Mr. Ansi, said Sunday the amnesty would also apply to the 16 if they denounced the hreakaway state they declared two weeks after war broke out oo May 5. Mr. Beidh and his col-

leagues fled to Oman after the key southern cities of Aden and Mukalia were captured by northern forces oo July 7.

Mr. Ansi declined to say when the meeting was held and who attended. Mr. Abdul Ghani's delega tion and a southern Yemeni team later travelled separate-

ly to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). "The UAE is concerned

unitting to the one God. This

is a dream that goes before

achieving nnoonal reconcilia-tion in Yemen," UAE President Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan told delegates from south Yemen in Al 'Ain, 160 kilometres north of Abu

It was the first meeting between Sheikh Zayed and

visit to the UAE since the The official UAE news

Since the end of the war, Yemen has called for turning a new page in its relations with the Gulf Arah monarchies, most of which gave implicit recognition to the

In Sanaa, the government announced on Monday the released of around 4,000 prisoners who were captured in

These people will be given a two-week leave to

Dhahi.

the delegation leader, Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas, who was named prime minister of the hreakaway south Yemen state proclaimed on May 2I. Mr. Abdul Ghani's delegtion meanwhile made its first

oorth won the war. agency WAM said Mr. Abdul Ghani brooght n message for Sheikh Zayed from Mr.

southern breakaway state.

the civil war.

This decision by President Ali Abdullah Saleh shows he does not differentiate between the people of unified Defence Minister Abdul Rubbo Monsur Hadi told hundreds of prisoners shown on television.

about a return to stability and visit their families." Jordan, Israel sign declaration

(Continued from page 1) "requite evil with good and he who is your enemy will become your dearest friend." And the Talmud teaches, 'that man is a hero that can make a friend out of a foe." Before us today stand friends and heroes. King Hussein, Prime Minister Rabin, all Americaos welcome your presence here today. You give us great hope that this house, our people's house, will be a constant witness to a lasting peace that spreads forth to embrace your region.

King Hussein: Out of all the days of my life, I do not believe there is one such as this in terms of the feelings, the emotions relating to a long, long struggle in memory of those who passed away, the memories of the victims of war, feelings towards the present and the foture, feelings of responsibilities towards generations to come in Israel and Jordan, all

the Arah World and our en-

tire region. For many, many years and with every prayer I have asked God the Almighty to help me be a part of forging peace between the children of Abraham as Muslims, for the word Islam means subme — had my great grand-father and now I — and to feel that we are close to fulfilling that dream and presenting generations in our region with a legacy of hope and openness, where normal-ity is that which replaces the abnormal in our lives which unfortunately over the years has become normal, where neighbours meet, where people meet, where human relations thrive, where all seek with a tremendous talent a

better future and a better tomorrow. This day is a day of commitment and this day is a day of hope and vision, and we must admit. Prime Minister. and for myself, that we owe President Clinton and our American friends much in

having made this possible. You are our partners as we seek to construct and build a new future in our region for all our peoples and for all mankind

Thank you very much indeed for your courtesy and kindness and the warmth of your reception. We are proud to be here with your (peoples?). Thank you. Prime Minister Rabin: The

States, King Hussein, the King of Jordan, they say that the ancient custom of shaking hands developed out of the need to prove that neither persoo was holding a weapoo. The first public handshake between His Majesty, the King of Jordan, and myself a minute ago symbolises much more than that two people's will no longer take up arms against one another.

Honourable Mr. President. Your Majesty, the King, what is actually transpiring bere, hundreds of millions of people around the world shake hands many times each day. It's perhaps the most routine action, done almost automatically, without thinking, and it is actually a greeting of peace that nnites almost all of the peoples of

the world. What I do with you, Your Majesty, where there will be another day of excitement and another, and that finally, no one will photograph our handshakes; it will have become part of the routine of our lives, a custom among ail people, the behaviour of every human being. And meanwhile, Your Majesty, the entire state of Israel is shaking your hand.

president of the United Jordanian views differ on peace process

(Continued from page 12)

Unlike Dr. Sbaer, Mr. Talhouni and Mr. Abu Hassan, he does not see the benefits that the ongoing peace negotiations will reap. "First of all, Israel is not conducting a peace accord with the real Jordanians," says Dr. Abbadi, implying

in the Jordanian government. "Real peace with Jordan means an obligatory return of all Palestinians to Palestine," says Dr. Abbadi. Palestinians with Jordanian passports, or up to two of the four million people who presently identify themselves as Jordanians,

that the architects of the

accord are really Palestinians

says Dr. Ahbadi are "guests who should never have been given Jordanian nationality or governmental and official

posts in the first place." "This peace is a peace for passports not n peace for land," he said during an interview, meaning that the accords intend to legiomise the permanent presence of Palestinians in Jordan.

Dr. Abbadi thinks borders should be kept tightly shut to prevent an inflow of people from the occupied territories. "If all the Palestinians come here, Jews will become more rooted io Palestine and Jordan will become Palestine, instead of solving the Palestine problem we will create a

Jordanian problem," explained Dr. Abbadi. But Jordanian businessmen don't agree.

"Protectionism is the cause of decline," says Dr. Shaer. "Friendly legislation for investment will benefit all. Export oriented societies break down the protection harriers and that's what we should be

doing," be added.
"When you are exportoriented, the world is your market," says Dr. Shaer, looking at a Jordan ten years from now. "Goods and services that Jordan can offer are cheaper than in Israel. So the Palestinians will turn towards Jordan not Israel for business — this is obviously in our favour."

Rabin: Declaration will be translated into reality

Following is the text of the speech made by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin after signing the Washington Declaration on Monday:

The President of the United States, His Majesty King Hussein of the Kingdom of Jordan, friends, ladies and

gentlemen. I'll start by the Hehrew word shalom. Millions of eyes all over the world are watching us now with great relief and grent joy yet another nightmare of war may be over. At the same time, millions of eyes in the Middle East are looking at us now with great, heartfelt hope that our children and grandchildren will know no

more war. Ladies and gentlemen, today we submit to our respective people a wonderful pre-sent. The declaration we have signed just now here in Washington is the elosest thing to a treaty of peace. We have gone here a long way towards n full treaty of peace, and even though our work has not yet ended, it is my hope and belief that not long from today we shall return to signing n final and a perma-

nent treaty of peace. Mr. President, Your Majesty, it is dusk at our homes in the Middle East. Soon darkness will prevail. But the citizens of Israel and Jordan will see a great light. We have today takeo a major step on the road to peace. We and Jordan have chosen to speak to each other rather than to continue the states of war. From here, io the distance of thousands of miles from home, I would like to congratulate today the inhabitants of Israel and of Jordan to remember the fallen in the wars on both sides and to tell children on both sides of the border we hope and pray that your life will be

different than ours. I believe that we are a small country with a big heart. We are aware of world agonies and suffering of human beings any-where. At this hour, when we are celebrading here in Washington, Israeli defence soldiers and medical units are trying to save the lives of thousands, if not

more, of people on the verge ni death in Rwanda. But at the very same time, Israeli soldiers, a rescue team in Buenos Aires, on the invitation of - of their Argenonian government, are endeavouring to rescue the lives or bodies of those who were attacked, killed and disappeared, bodies of their own brothers as well as of the other human beings from build-ing destroyed by vicious terror-ists. This terrible crime was committed against Jews just because they were Jews. The Israeli rescue soldiers in Rwanda as well as those in Argendon, together with their comrades in arms defending

us at home, are the same side of the same coin.
Mr. President, Your Majesty, there is much more in the Washington Declaration than parties were planning when they decided to prepare this declara-tion ten days ago. It bears wit-ness to our ability in Israel and Jordan to accelerate our efforts towards peace, in overcome obstacles, to achieve a break-through, and in put an end in 46

years of hostility. Mr. President, thank you. Thank you for all you have do for us and for what you will do. We embark an a road which must still be completed, and I am appealing to the United States, the leader of peace efforts in the Middle East, to assist those those countries, those peoples who demonstrate courage and who take risks, risks for peace because it is a worthwhile goal. The political achievement presented today to the public here in

Washington are part of a whole agenda that must still be clarified in serious deliberations ahead of us, from the difficult subjects of and economic relations on which peace in our region will be based and of course, security and diplomatic relations.

Our duty, starting today, is to turn the nrticles written on the paper into a living reality. This fine job could not have been completed without your leadership and determination in the Middle East peacemaking. You have aiready established your place in our history, an honourable place, and thank you. Our beartfelt gradtude — our heartfclt graduade goes also to Secret-ary of State Warreo Christopher and his peace team who devotedly seek peace, and to generations of former U.S. administration members who bave for years searched for a bridge between Israel. Jordan and the other

Your Excellency, the president of the United States, Your Majesty, the King of Jordan, let me say a few words in Hebrew to the citizens of Israel who are

watching us now. (Speaks in Hebrew, not trans-

Thank you very much.

Arab peoples.

UAE gears up to Abu Dhabi development Greenspan sell off more shares in firms

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arah Emirates (UAE) is preparing to sell shares in government-owned firms to increase investment opportunities and a dairy is the latest candidate for private capital. brokers said Monday.

Shares in an Al Ain dairy farm are expected to be up for public subscription in 1994, broker Zuhair Kaswani

This would join a planned partial selloff of an industrial firm, a bank and an oil company in boosting the UAE's unofficial stock market in the second half of 1994.

"We are waiting to sell shares in three companies, emirates Petroleum, Arbift (a bank) and Al Ain Milk and Poultry Farm,".Mr. Kaswani We are expecting this before the end of the year."

Abu Dhabi also said io April it was conducting a study of eight plants operated by the General Industries Corporation to boost productivity as a first step to selling

The UAE is drawing up rules for an official stock market and plans to increase the role of the private sector in the economy.

It approved a plan earlier this year to float shares in the Arab Bank for Investment and Foreign Trade (ARBIFT) to raise its capital to 760 million dirhams (\$207 million) and may privatise the Emirates General Pet-

Broker Ziad Dahbas of the National Bank of Abu Dhabi said in the bank's July economic bulletin that brokers had expected the government to

start selling shares by June. New ventures seeking private capital have not disappointed investors.

Mr. Dabhas said there were no new flotations in the first half of the year but shares in Union Properties Co., a real estate firm set in December, were actively traded in the period.

The marcet value of its shares has risen to 25 dirhams from their face value of ten chirhams. Mr. Kaswani said. Look at what benefit they got. There is ground for new companies because there is a

lot of liquidity," he said. Mr. Kaswani also said Duhai-based Emirates Bank International was conducting a feasibility study to set no a new investment company with 250 million dirhams (\$133 million) capital. Bank officials were not available

The Oman-Emirates Investmeot Co. was listed on Oman's stock market in June and UAE investors contrihuted to its 120 million dirhams (\$32 million) capital, broker Mahmoud Al Saye

But he said fixed deposit interest rates which have risen to about four per cent could be some competition for shares, now yielding five per cent in dividends, in attracting investors.

Georgia posts worst **CIS** industrial slump

MOSCOW (R) — Georgia headed a "league table" of industrial decline in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in the first six months of 1994, but other former Soviet republics also reported big falls, Interfax News Agency has said.

Interfax, quoting figures and energy — now from the CIS Statistics sold at world prices. Office, said Georgian industrial output was 50 per cent below years ago levels in the first six months of 1994.

Ukrainian production was 36 per cent below year-ago levels while output in Turkmenistan Kyrgyzstan and Belarus was down 33 per cent, 32 per cent and 31.5 per

cnet respectively.

Moldovan ontput fell 30 per cent and output fell 29 per cent in Kazakhstan and 25 per cent in Azerbaijan. The average fall in output for all the CIS was 27.6 per

groupings of former Soviet

All countries in the loose

republics have faced problems adjusting to the hreakup of the superpower and the collapse of trading ties between countries. Inter-state deht is a hig

problem and most countries owe Russia large sums of money for supplies of fuel and energy - now mostly Interfax said Russia's six-

month industrial decline of 25.8 per cent was just below the CIS average. Industrial production de-

clined 20 per cent in Tajikis-tan while Uzbek output was four per cent helow year-ago Armenia, where 1993 out-

put was hit by a series of explosions on a oipeline supplaying gas through Georgia, was the only CIS country to report higher industrial output, Interfax said. Six-month production

there was four per cent above the level in the first 11

spending unaffected by low oil prices

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The Gulf emirate of Abu Dhahi has pumped an average \$1" billion a year into infrastructure and development projects over the past 25 years, and spending is still in full swing despite weak oil prices,

an official report has showed.

The emirate, the main oil producer in the United Arah Emirates (UAE), has invested around 87.3 billion dirhams (\$23.7 billion) since 1968 to build its infrastructure and transform the small desert oasis into a modern

A breakdown by the planning ministry showed the hulk of the funds were invested during the oil boom of late 1970s and early 1980s, when erude prices were above \$30 a barrel.

Between 1978 and 1982, a record 26.5 billion dirhams (\$7.22 billion) were spent ou development, compared with only 1.9 hillion dirhams (\$517 million) between 1968 and 1972, the ministry report showed.

Although oil prices sharply declined to helow \$20, development expenditure remained as high as 24.3 billion dirhams (\$6.62 billion) between 1988 and 1993, it said.

"Development projects have remained a priority in our economic policies since we started exporting oil," a planning ministry official said. "The money spent on development accounts for more than half the total oil

earnings. Ahu Dhahi produces around 1.8 million barrels per day (b/d), nearly 85 per cent of the UAE's total output of 2.16 million b/d.

Apart from its own budget. it contributes the bulk of the federal UAE hudget, the main source of development funds for the other emirates.

Officials said the level of expenditure was expected to be maintained as the emirate pressed ahead with plans to boost oil and gas output capacity as well as other major water, electricity, communication and industrial

One of the main projects is a multi-hillion-dollar desalination plant at Al Tawila, 50 kilometres north of Abu Dhabi. The project, to be completed by the year 2000, is among the biggest hyd-roelectric plants in the Middle East. It will meet the needs of the entire Abu Dhabi population.

to sit on BIS board

BASEL, Switzerland (AFP) - The chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed), Alan Greenspan, is to be given the ex-officio seat available to the Federal Reserve on the board of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) from September, the BIS announced Monday.

The governor of the Japanese eentral hank, Yasushi Mieno and of the Canadian hank, Gordon Thiessen, will also sit on the board of the BIS from Sept.

The BIS said: "These developments are expected to contribute to the strengthening of international monetary cooperation under the au-spices of the BIS and to reflect the more global scope of the bank's activities." The Federal Reserve also

inteoded to name a second representative to the board of the BIS as it was entitled to do so a founding central bank, the BIS said.

The bank said that in order to take account of changes in the Federal Reserve system, a minor change would be needed in the statutes of the BIS. An extraordinary gener-al meeting would be held for this purpose on Sept. 13.

Caribbean nations to create regional trade association

CARTAGENA, Colombia (R) — More than 20 countries from Mexico to Cuba and Venezuela signed an agreement Sunday to create the framework for a Caribbean free-trade association.

Heads of state and government and other representa-tives signed the agreement to create the Association of Caribbean States during a ceremony in the colonial port of Cartagena. Cuban President Fidel Cas-

tro, Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari as well as Haitian Foreign Minister Claudette Warleigh were among those who partici-"We... have moved one

step closer to realising our dream for the integration of the entire Latin American and Caribbean region," said Barbados Prime Minister Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, who as chairman of the 13member of Caribbean Community (Caricom) represented the majority of the countries that will join in the trade group.

"We have recognised that ecoperation is the most powerful medium for achieving our common goals," he added.

Colombian President Cesar Gaviria, host of the ceremony, said the association would contribute to the eventual creation of "a single trading bloc from Alaska to Patagonia."
The association will initial-

ly promote social, political and economic cooperation among its member countries before providing the struc-ture for a trade bloc. Its memhers are Colombia, Cuba, Mexico. Venezuela, Caricom and Central Amer-

Another 12 CArribean territories like the British Virgin Islands will also be part of the association but as observers. The ceremony preceded the signing of a free-trade agreement hetween Col-

ombia and Caricom, seen as the first step toward consolidating the association.

President Gaviria and Mr.

Sandiford signed the agree-

Mr. Sandiford said the agreement would help the dard of living for its six mil-lion people. The agreement, which was reached last month after more than a year and a half of negotiations, will come into effect Jan. 1.

Colombia, which has had a relatively small presence in Caricom, has agree to gradually lower its tariff barriers to Caricom's products over three years, while the community will do the same over

five years. Bilateral trade hetween Colombia and Caricom is no more than \$100 million a year - less than one per cent of the country's total foreign trade.

Saddam urges ministers to reduce spending

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NICOSIA (AFP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has urged ministers to cut their hudgets to help stabilise the economy, the official Ira-qi News Agency (INA) re-ported Sunday. President Saddam, who is

also Iraq's prime minister, called on all departments to make maximum reductions to the costs of their projects." during a government meeting

Saturday.

"Reducing expenditure creates a sort of balance in the economy," INA, monitored in Cyprus, quoted him as saying. President Saddam also cal-

led for a ministerial commission to be set up to prevent illegal speculation on medical supplies and waste of them before they reached the peo-

The Iraqi economy has been hit hard by an international emhargo imposed by the United Nations after Iragi troops invaded Kuwait in ugust 1990.

The trade sanctions have cut off Iraqi oil exports, a major source of income. Iraq was one of the higgest

oil producers in the Organisanon of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) before the invasion. The sanctions were anto-

matically kept in place Monday after the 15 members of the U.N. Security Council failed to reach a unanimous decision on whether they should be lifted. Last month; President Sad-

dam played down the effects of inflation in Iraq.

South Africa eyes Asian markets JOHANNESBURG (R) -

Malaysia is in the market for coal and steel products, and in return can offer designerlabel garments and condoms. South Korea has its sights

set on joining the information superhighway, while Thai-land sees a future as a regional financial centre. Such diverse goods and

projects feature in seemingly endless sales and wish lists exchanged by officials and business leaders from Sonth Africa and the Far East a they explore trade and investment opportunities opened up hy the scrapping of sanc-

Addressing a recent conference on prospects for stronger ties, Aihert van Niekerk, a deputy director-general at South Africa's foreign affairs department, urged his countrymen to prepare for the Pacific century.

"The rocket-like growth (in economies) and absolute size of Asia's middle class should create some of the biggest business and financial opportunities in history." he

He quoted projections that East Asia would match Western Europe as an economie power in less than 15 years. and catch up with the North American Free Trade Association, grouping the United States, Canada and Mexico,

in 28 years.
"It is widely believed that

the Pacific century is approaching," he said. By the year 2000, some 400 million Asians would enjoy

spending power equal to the "rich-world average" today — representing a trehling of that segment of consumer power over the rest of the decade, he said. "This means they will be spending money on houses,

cars, holidays, health care and education. If all this consumer spending is to take place, immense investments in infrastructure will he necessary to make it possihle," he said. He outlined project poten-

tial ranging from ports and railways in China to hydroelectric power in Laos, as well as numerons engineering, mining and construction projects in the region. With Japan and Taiwan

already among South A vica's top six trading partner, hav-ing maintained links during the years of anti-apartheid sanctions, the conference focused on other original and emerging Asian economie 'tiger'' countries that took a harder line against Pretoria when it was under white rule.

Following the original "ti-gers" — Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan — was a new genera-tion comprising Indonesia. Malaysia and Thailand, while China and the Philippines were tipped as emerging Napier in Singapore, traced

Lyman Jiang, a former commercial attache to the United States and now husiness manager for the Great Wall Group trading house, outlined huge development and trade potential which he said South African firms were welcome to participate in.

The Chinese market is one that you cannot afford to lose," he said. Under China's eight fiveyear plan and current 10-year development programme it

would import goods, equip-ment, high technology and complete plant worth \$400 billion, Mr. Jiang said. South Korean trade official Kwangduk Yoon pointed to ambitious development plans in his country too, which

sought over 10 years to join

the ranks of the major industrial nations. Special emphasis was being placed on 11 strategie technology development projects, including an information superhighway, in a strategy to bring the region level with the world's most advanced nations in key technical fields.

Malaysian and Thai offi-cials projected their countries as gateways for South East Asia, also offering infrastructure and other investment opportunities.

Suzanne Lian, a partner with legal firm Drew and

significant changes across the region aimed at ensuring investor-friendly tax and other policies in underlining the scope for joint ventures.

"Developing nations have woken up to the fact that foreign investment is a powerful tool in restructuring their economies and are learning to control the type and level of foreign investment permitted to shape those economies," she said. Apart from implementing

investor-friendly policies in their own hackyard, Far Eastern states signalled strong interest in beefing np their exports, in some cases by diversifying, and investment abroad. "In our effort to further

expand and strengthen the dynamism of our economy. Thailand realised that we should look tar deyond qui traditional trading partners and markets. We are now looking for new opportunities in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America," said Thai consular official Poondarik Sundarabhag.

Malaysia, a leading pro-ducer of primary commodities, expressed interest in joint ventures in South Africa

to process its raw materials. Trade Commissioner Abdul Kabur Ibrahim said he hoped South African importers would promote Malaysia's gloves and con-doms to help prevent AIDS.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY JULY 26., 1994 By Thomas S.Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

This well aspected day is good for dealing with home conditions that yoo haven't attended to, but avoid making the change until you have really studied all factors

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) desires. Avoid calling on a difficult persoo early in the day. Be alert to carelessness on the part of others. Use good judgment upon

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) A financial matter needs more study before making a definite decisioo. Make this a most worthwhile day and everything will go great.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Show others that you have poise if some unusual situation comes up today. Be sure not to lose your temper with anyone you come in contact with. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) A private master could be upsetting early in the day, but later everything works out to your advantage io the long run. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Get rid of whatever is not practical io the morning and later you can be happy with your friends. Relax at home tonight with your loved 20) Avoid arguments at home

VIRGO: (August 22 to Septemimportant home matter early in

THE Daily Crossword by Manny Miller

GENERAL TENDENCIES: the day and later expand when your career is concerned.

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-ber 22) Avoid changing present arrangements at work until you have first studied it well. Plan

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Find a much bet-ter way of carrying through with agreements you have made with others. Strive to be more success in your ehosen field of en-

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Steer clear of irate associate in the morning and later all will straighten out. Safeguard your reputation from those who wish to tarnish it. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Use extreme care in handling all tasks ahead of you and avoid possible trouble. Plan

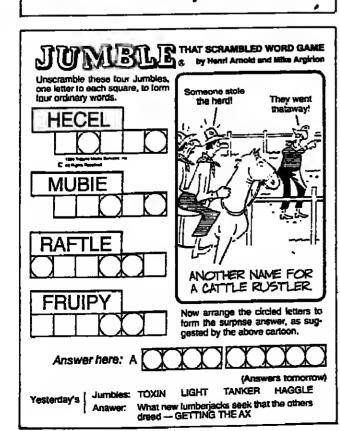
how to gain your finest aims you are searching for. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Doing something special for persons you really like brings excellent results at this time. Express happioess for

early in the day and later there will be real harmony. Make longber 22) You can take care of an range plans for the future and make them a reality.

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"Handsome men get sick a lot. Germs find us very attractive!"



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Andy Capp

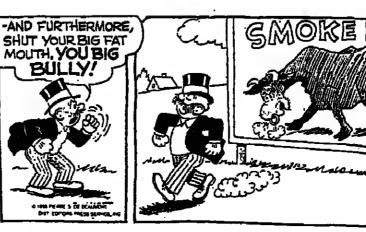




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Saddan' to reduc spending

NICOSIA (AFP) President Saddam H has urged ministen their budgets in helps: di New Vector (NA ported Sunday

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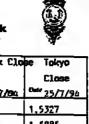
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Japanese bankruptcies hit record 63.2% in first half

TOKYO (AFP) - Corporate insolvencies in Japan caused by the economic recession hit a record 63.2 per cent of the total to reach 4,380 in the six months to June, a private credit research agency has said.

Teikoku Databank Ltd. said the total number of business failures in the first half of the year rose for the fourth consecutive year to 6,925, up 1.5 per cent from the same period last year, while com-bined fiabilities fell 12.7 per cent to 2.55 trillion yeo (\$29.4 billion).

Compared with the last half of 1993, bankruptcies were down 4.1 per ceot from 7,221, while dehts eased hy 32.7 per cent to 3.79 trillion yen, the agency said.

In June alone, bankruptcies increased 2.1 per cent from a year to 1,164, though habilities eased 24 per cent to 353,280 billion yen.

Mergers, acquisitions rise 17.3 per cent

Meanwhile, the number of mergers and acquisitions involving Japanese compaoies grew 17.3 per cent from a year earlier to 250 cases in the six months to June, Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd.

Daiwa said the combined value of 117 of the mergers and aquisitions in which it was directly involved or in which terms were disclosed publicly was almost 166 hillion yen (\$1.7 billion). Terms for the rest were not disclosed.

The number of mergers and acquistions involviong Japanese companies only was unchanged from a year earlier at 129 cases.

But deals where Japanese companies merged with or acquired foreign companies were up 35 per cent at 92 cases and deals involving foreign companies merging with or acquiring Japanese companies soared 71 per cent to 24 cases, Daiwa said.

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Egypt approves proposal for big Suez refinery

CAIRO (R) - The Egyptian government has approved a private-sector proposal to build a large oil refinery and petrochemical plant near the town of Soez, Oil Minister Hamdi El Banbi has said.

A group of Egyptian and Kuwaiti investors, operating as the Sahara Company for Petroleum Products, plan to spend about \$1.2 hillion on the refinery, which would probably use Saodi or Kuwaiti crude and refine products for export, be told Reu-

"They would like to make a new high-tech refinery in Suez, including some urea units, maybe fertiliser units. A refinery of this size would be in the range of five million tonnes a year, 100,000 barrels a day," be said in an inter-

"The Supreme Committee of the Investment Authority has approved this proposal in principle. After receiving this approval, these people will have to sit down in Egypt and see people and decide on many points," he added. Mr. Banbi said plans to

build a separate private-sector refinery of about the same site on the Mediterranean coast west of Alexandria were more advanced than those for the Snez one.

"They have already acquired the land and they have started looking for finance and other things. The Investment Authority and the ministry have approved it," he said

"They are moving, they have done their own feasibility studies. It takes three and a half years, I believe, to finish a reficery of that size," he added.

The main investor in the Alexandria refinery is the Irisb-registered company Midor, which is reported to have Israeli, Swiss and Egyptian shareholders.

Mr. Banbi said both refineries would have free-zone status and would be free to buy their crude from any source and said their products wherever they wanted.

"They can have Egyptian crude, oil from Sumed (the pipeline from Suez to the Mediterranean or from any other place. It depends on the economics and the availability of a specific type of crude oil at any moment," he

Egypt might decide to buy some of the products instead of importing them from further afield but the refining companies would have no committaent to the Egyptian

Seoul picks wrong year for 'visit Korea' campaign

Foreign tourists spent \$1.7 hillion in South Korea in the first six mooths of 1994, while South Koreans spent \$2.37 billion abroad.

"Growing worries in the Korean Peninsula over the North Korean nuclear issue made many foreigners fear to visit our conorry," a transport ministry official has said,
"As long as the uncertainty remains, I am not sure whether

South Korea had hoped to attract four million foreign tourists this year and balance the tourism accounts. The deficit in bas promoted 1993 was \$584 million.

About 1.2 million foreigners visited South Korea, and

the founding of the city of Seoul.

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SEOUL (R) — South Korea picked the wrong year for "Visit Korea Year."

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1,47 million South Koreans travelled overseas, in the first six months, he said.

The government has promoted 1994 as "Visit Korea Year" to coincide with 600th anniversary celebrations for

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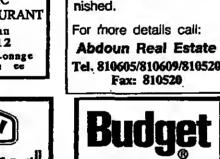
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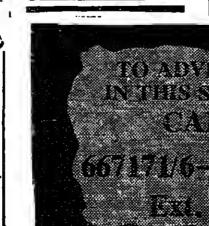
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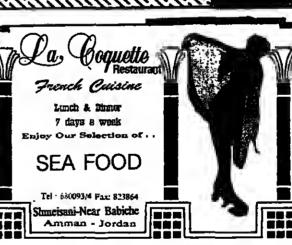
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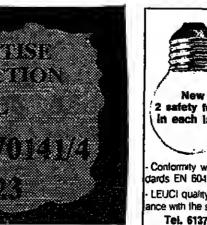
















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Coffee prices tumble on frost damage doubts

LONDON (R) - Coffee prices, recently catipulted to 8½ year highs hy severe frosts in Brazil, slipped Monday as speculation grew that the crop damage might be less than anticipated.

On the London futures market, coffee for September delivery was down \$223 to \$3,405 a tonne at the midday close, well off a recent peak of \$4,085.

It is still some 50 per cent above levels seen before the first of two frosts in late June ravaged growing areas in Brazil, the world's biggest producer.

"Most hullish factors have already been digested by the market," said one trader, adding that the final assessment of crop damage was unlikely to exceed levels already mooted.

"Some people have been taking profits, but the mood is basically one of let's wait and see," be added.

This week Brazil is expected to announce a revised estimate for its 1995/96 crop. Following the first frost the government forecast a crop of 17 million 60-kilogramme bags, sharply down from its original estimate of 26.8 million bags.

The second frost, which struck in early July, drove prices to their highest levels since 1986, but some traders believe the extent of the crop damage may have been exaggerated.
"People are certainly ner-

vous about what figure the government will come out with. A lot of people are

preferring to stay on the side-lines today," said one trader, "However, the figure would have to be significantly lower to have any real impact on the market now," added.

Commenting on the likely extent of the Brazilian crop damage, London-based hrok-er GNI said in its daily market report: "We do not be-lieve the damage is as drastic as many have indicated. Indeed, we believe that the final crop figure will come in close to 20 million bags."

The September contract bas lost some 16 per cent of its value in the past two weeks as fears of further heavy frosts in Brazil bave receded.

Milder weather in Brazilian growing areas over this last weekend contributed to the drop, traders said. Brazil accounts for about a

quarter of world coffee outbut.
"The most interesting question now is when and at wbat level the roasters will want to resume their huying, as buy they eventually must,

said one analyst. Industry sources Monday declined to comment on the decline in coffee futures

"It is still too early to say what the latest market swings mean for retail prices," said a roasters' spokesman, adding that the situation should become a little clearer after Brazil made its revised crop

estimate. Fish industry brings Morocco \$881 million

RABAT (R) — Morocco earned 7.93 billion dirbams (\$881 million) from its fish industry in 1993, almost double what it obtained in 1992, a bank report said Monday.

"The rise in local and export prices has improved the fish receipts," the report by National Bank for Economic Development (BNDE) said. The report said the fish

industry brought Morocco 4.05 billion dirhams (\$450 million) in 1992. Moroccan fishermen netted 617,945 tonnes last year. an increase of 11.9 per cent,

the report said. Two weeks ago, Morocco and the European Union (EU) failed to agree on terms to reduce the fishing period.

Under the EU accord, about 700 fishing boats based mainly in southern Spain, the Canary Island and Portugal, are to operate in Morocco's coastal waters.

GOODWILL GAMES U.S. basketball team rebounds from loss to Russia to defeat China

(AP) — The U.S. basketball team, rebounding from its loss to the Russians, advanced to the medal round of the Goodwill Games with a 99-80 victory Monday over

The American collegians dominated throughout, with Lou Rowe of Massachusetts scoring a team-high 17 points and Michael Finley of Wisconsin adding 16.

The Americans, who lost 77-75 to Russia Sunday night, finished the preliminary round with a 2-1 record. They will face Italy, 3-0, in the semifinals Wednesday.

Puetro Rico, 2-1, will face either Russia or Argentina in the other semifinal.

In track and field events completed a sprint double by winning the women's 200 metres in 22.09, beating her Russian rival Irina Privalova for the second straight day. Torrence woo the 100 on Sunday.

Marina Pluzhnikova of Russia set a world best in the women's 2,000-metre steeplechase, clocking 6 minutes, 11.84 seconds.

The previous best in the arely run event was 6:14.52 hy Svetlana Rogova of Russia June 11, 1992.

The event is not recognised by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) for world record purposes.

In beach volleyball, U.S. teams reached the final in both men's and womeo's

CANBERRA (R) - A fond-

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Health Minister Carmen

Lawrence, who is also re-

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final, Jeff Williams and Car-los Briceno defeated Sinjin Smith and Brnk Vandeweghe, 15-7. They'll face Norway's Jan Kvalhein and Bjoern Naaseide, who defe-

ated Australia, 15-10. On the women's side. Karolyn Kirby and Liz Masakayan advanced to Tuesday's gold-medal game with a 15-10 semifinal win over a Brazilian team. Their opponents will be Monica Rodrigues and Adriana Samuel, who beat the American pair of Barbra Fontana and Lori Forsythe

Sunday's loss to Russia by the Americao hasketball team marked the latest in a series of U.S. defeats in international amateur competi-

Since winning the gold at the 1986 Goodwill Games, II.S. amateur teams have lost at the 1988 Olympics, Pan Am games, world championships and the 1990 Goodvill Games.

Russian coach Sergei Belov was the first to admit that his team won't be able to repeat Sunday's victory at next month's world championships in Toronto. That's because the United States will be represented there by Dream Team II, a collection of NBA superstars.

"This was a moral vic-tory," Belov said, suggesting he knows his team will be overmatched against the American pros at Toronto. But it was the Americans

who were always struggling

The caleodar featores

some of Australia's top women athletes in sexy poses

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Shot by a penthouse maga-

zine photographer, it features nine female athletes, includ-

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to stay in the game Sunday. They killed their chances by weak foul-shooting, hitting just 14 of 27 from the line, while the Russians made 24

"We could have gotten out of here with a win if we had made our foul shots," head coach George Raveling said. "The game came down to which team was most successful at the foul line. The Russians made theirs io critical times, we missed ours."

Sergei Bazarevich led the Russians with 23 points, while Sergei Babkov added

Shawn Respert of Michigan State, who hit a 3-pointer at final buzzer, topped the Americans with 17 points. Finley scored 14 and Damon Stoudamire of Arizona had

The swimming competition ended Sunday after a one-day session comprising 20 races. All the events were moved to Sunday after a one-day postponement caused by a faulty filtration system that left the water black, then green.

The Swedish team pulled out, refusing to swim in water that looked more akin to a country lake than a competition pool. The irony was that a Swedish company had beeo responsible for the renovation of the pool in the first

"This is the worst I've ever seen, this is not good for health," said Swedish swimmer Daniel Lonnberg. Melvin Stewart, who won

raise mooey for athletics,

showed the desperation of

women's sport, which she said was belittled in the Ao-

"While I don't particularly

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in," she said.

chief rival Russian Denis Pankratov in 1:58.46, said swimmers nicknamed the pool the "Black Lagoon."

"I slowed at every turn, it was difficult to see the wall," he said. "It looked like they filled pool with gatorade to-day, but it didn't taste like

The "creature of the Black Lagoon" was Alexander Popov, the 22-year-old Russian Olympic champioo who won gold medals in the 50metre and 100-metre freestyle evects.

He won the 50-metre showdown with world recordholder Tom Jager of the United States, but his winning time of 22.55 seconds was well off the American's record of 21.81. Popov's time of 50.58 io the 100 was also way off his world-record time of 48.21 set last month.

Angel Martino of the United States woo both of the women's freestyle sprints and China's Ren Xing swept the 100 and 200 breaststroke. The Chinese won five of 10 women's events, another sign of China's emerging power in the pool.

In track and field, Lance Deal became the first American since Harold Connolly at the 1956 Olympics to win a hammer throw title at a major championship. The 32-year-old Deal, of Eugene, Oregon, hurled the hammer 263 feet, 1 inch to beat nearly all of Russia's top competi-

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Flemmiog, who organised the calendar, defended it on

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Italy gives Lalas 'Wild West' welcome

ROME (R) - Italy's media gave a "Wild West" welcome to Alexi Lalas Monday after nthe long-haired defeoder signed with Padova to become the first American to play in Europe's most prestigious soccer league: "Welcome huffalo Lalas, the first Yankee to play in Italy," ran a frontpage headline io Corriere Dello Sport newspaper. A cartooo depicted Lalas, whose goatee and flowing red hair made him a celebrity at the World Cup, as Buffalo Bill, the 19th century American famous for his travelling "Wild West show." Lalas, 24, is due to arrive Toesday to begin training with newly promoted Padova, with whom he signed oo a one-season loan from the United States Soccer Federation after two years as an international.

Simpson: Biding his

LOS ANGELES (AP) --The Los Angeles County Jail has its own version of the Hollywood walk of fame,

where life is different for illustrious inmates like O.J. Simpson, the NFL legend and actor charged with mur-Simpson, iomate no.

4013970, doesn't endore communal showers, wait in long lines to use the pay phone or even spend as many hours a day locked in his cell. His jailers even wheel in an exercise bike he can use two hours a day to keep the fat from his athletie physique.

His jailers insist Simpson is not getting special treatment. This is just the way things work for inmates assigned for their own protection to '7000," a unit in the Los Angeles County men's cen-

Others who have takeo up temporary residence here: Christian Brando, son of Marlon Brandon, after his arrest in the 1990 killing of his sister's boyfriend; Charles Keating of the failed savings and loan; and serial killer Riehard Ramirez, hetter known as the "Night Stal-

Erik Menendez, awaiting a second trial with hrother Lyle in the killings of their pa-reots, was Simpson's nextcell-neighbour for one day. Menendez was moved so the two would not overhear each other's telephone conversations, leaving Simpson alone in a row of seven cells, Time

.'The jail's 6,500 other in-mates hunk more than one to a cell, or even in dormitories: use communal shower rooms; wait in long lines to use the phone; and cat together in the cafeteria, 50 to 60 to a

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Gold Cup winning jockey Lamb killed

LONDON (R) — Cheltenham Gold Cup-winning Jockey Ridley Lamb, who later became a trainer, was one of two men killed when their car plunged into the harbour of a small fishing village in northern England early Monday. Police named the other vic-

tim as jockey Alan Merrigan, 30, a friend of Lamb's.

Another man and a woman in the car were saved hy fishermen who raced to the scene at Seahouses, Northumberland at 0230 local. Lamb, 39, enjoyed his hig-

gest success as a jockey when partnering The Thinker to victory in the 1987 Gold Cup. After retiring as a jockey he took oot a trainer's licence. Local police said the two survivors of Monday's tragedy, Caroline Budge, 20, a racehorse groom, and Stephen Charlton, 39, a jock-

ey's valet, were taken to hospital with shock. A spokeswoman said all four had been guests of a local pub licensee after nor-mal hours. On leaving, they drove a short distance to the harbour.

She added: "For no appareot reason the car swerved to its right and struck some lohster pots which were stacked on the edge of the

"The car continued to the edge of the quay, struck and mounted a wooden sleeper running along the quay ... before plunging off the quay

into 10ft of water." Survivour Charlton said:

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went into the water. Everything just went hlack.

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Budge added: "I don't know how 1 got out but the rear window shattered on impact and I must have crawled through it."

The crews of two fishing boats were preparing to put to sea for a day's fishing when the car came down a steep incline from the village centre to the harbour.

Fisherman David Shiel said: "The man and the woman must have got out of the back window of the car, which was hrokeo. They were in a hysterical state.

They were hanging on to mooring rapes and we just tried to calm them down, then got them to work their way aloog the ropes until they reached a ladder which enabled them to climb out." But the other two died.

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In 1989, Lamh was hanned

from driving for 1g months following a drink-driving conviction when he fell asleep at the wheel after celebrating gaining his trainers' licence. Lamh's best season as a jockey was in 1980-81 when he rode 85 winners.

Olympic gold medallist dies from fight injury terweight David Gonzales.

LAS VEGAS (R) — Former Olympic gold medallist Wan-gila Napunyl died Sunday from head injuries suffered during a professional fight

here Friday night. Napunyi, who won the Olympic welterweight gold under the name of Robert Wangila while representing his native Kenya at the 1988 games in Seoul, died at 10:30 a.m. (PDT), according to a

spokesperson for university

medical centre. He was 26. Napunyi had a large hlood clot on the right side of his head, said Dr. Albert Capanna, who performed surgery oo the fighter Saturday morning. Napunyi was on a life support system following the

surgery. Napunyi, who lived in Las Vegas, was stopped in the ninth round of his bout scheduled for 10 rouods against world-ranked American wel-

Napunyi left the ring under his own power and appeared to be all right. One half-hour after the

hout, however, Napunyi started vomiting and then collapsed. Oxygen was admi-nistered and an ambulance took Napunyi to hospital. Napunyi, who had a record

of 22-5 as a professional, received \$2,500 for the fight. It was the first death result-

ing from a hoxing match in Nevada since 1982, when South Korean Deuk-Koo Him died of head injuries sustained in a hout against World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight cham-pion Ray Mancini of the United States.

The outcry reuslting from Kim's death resulted in world title bouts being reduced from 12 to 15 rounds.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Liverpool show Hutchison the door

LIVERPOOL, England (AFP) — Liverpool have put Don Hutchisoo on the transfer list after lurid press coverage of the player's summer holiday. The 23-year-old has also been fined two weeks' wages and hanned from the cloh's pre-season tour of Germany. Hutchison was pictured in newspapers oo Sunday wearing only the label of a beer bottle while oo holiday.

Eubank lip lands him in court

LONDON (AFP) — World super middleweight champion Chris Eobank was bound over to keep the peace for a year here Monday after appearing in court for swearing at police officers. The 27-year-old WBO title-holder had used the "f and c words in liberal measure" to officers who stopped him on the way to Heathrow Airport, London's Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court heard. The charge of using abusive language was withdrawn, as were two road traffic charges, and Eubank agreed to he boood over for a year on forfeit of £750. Nazir Afzal, prosecuting, said: "Eubank took exception to being stopped as he thought there was no justification. He was on his way to the airport. He was continuously being summoned on his makile phone and he continoously being summoned on his mobile phone and he wass stuck in traffic. He was on the ropes. He accepts he used foul and ahusive language." Richard Edmondson, defeoding, said his client was stopped on his way to Heathrow Airport by two very young officers. As a high profile personality he was often stopped by people wanting autographs but on this occasion he did not have time.

Hungarian league elects president

BUDAPEST (R) — The financially strapped Hungarian Football League (HFL) has elected a leading businessman as its head, a league official said Monday. Laszlo Benko, 61, president of a cosmetics manufacturing company and of league member Kispest FC, was elected by a wide margin Saturday after two other contenders had in effect quit the race for Hungarian soccer's top joh, HFL spokesman Kalman Vandor said. He added that Benko is expected to help hring in new sources of funding for the league, whose once generous state funding has been in decline since the collapse of communism.



Meola struggles in American football

HEMPSTEAD, New York (AP) — Tony Meola found the transition from the U.S. team's World Cup goalkeep-er to NFL kieker quite humb-

On his first day of training camp with the New York Jets, the 24-year-old Meola struggled to get the ball between the uprights, even

snaps were all over the place," Carroll said. "We

from about 35 yards out, Meola lined a kick through

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Jets coach Pete Carroll hlamed the misses on new long snappers and holders.
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Table set for unification bout BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — won unanimous decisions be-Virgil Hill and Mike McCal- fore 4,700 fans at the Bis-116-114, 117-113, 116-115 for

hum say they're willing, and Don King says he is ready to push for a light heavyweight title unification match. McCallum, 37, wrested the World Boxing Council (WBC) light heavyweight title from Australia's Jeff Harding, while Hill fended off Frank Tate to retain his

World Boxiog Associatioo (WBA) belt Saturday night. "The boxers are going to make it themselves, but I'm

going to try to certainly put them in a unification," King Hill, 30, said "one of my dreams is to unify the light heavweight divisioo."

McCallum, of Jamaica, said he would welcome meeting Hill io the ring. Hill (39-1) is the winning-est light heavyweight in his-

tory with 16 successful title defences. McCallum (47-2-1) spent most of his career as a middleweight, holding two titles in that weight class. The WBC title was his first light

heavyweight belt. Both Mill and McCallum

marck Civic Centre Saturday. Hill used his trademark left

jah and a surprisingly potent right hand to defeat Tate (34-4) for the second time in less than two years. In September 1992. Hill won over Tate to regain the thenvacant WBA title.

The judges' cards had Hill winning handily 119-108, 119-107, and 118-110.

guous WBC title. the WGC title since Septem-

lum's age means nothing in the ring.
"As far as I'm concerned, age is irrelevant to me," he

Alfred Cole retained his IBF cruiserweight title with a uoaoimons decision over Nate Miller.

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Cole (25-1) beat Miller (23-4) in tHe second meeting between the two. The fight was close through the first eight rounds, but Miller appeared to have Cole in

McCallum's victory over Harding solved the amhi-

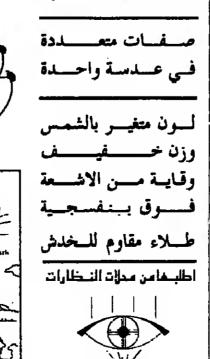
Harding, who had not fought in 19 months, had held ber 1991. But McCallum, named interim champion by the WBC because of Hardiog's long hiatus, pieked through the charging Austra-

"That was 12 rounds of war," McCallum said. "Jeff Harding is a tough man. He's a true champion." Harding (23-2) said McCal-

appointed in his own per-formance, noting he had hurt his right hand early in the











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Italy's Nebiolo has been president of the IAAF (International Amateur Athletie The crews of two fishing Federation) since 1981 and will seek a fifth term next

oats were preparing to prosea for a day's fishing who he car came down a step "Maybe it's time to look at term limits, I don't care who it is," Cassell, the executive director of U.S.A. Track and Field (USATF) and a senior LAAF vice-president, told

> "In the United States when we have an election, we elect a president, we don't elect someone who has a mandate to do whatever they want to

He added he would personally like presidential terms limited to eight years. Cassell has consistently denied he is a candidate for

Nebiolo's job but athletics sources believe the former U.S. Olympian is actively canvassing support for a bid against Nebiolo, the 71-yearold Italian lawyer who has pushed the sport into a new professional era.

The pair are already at loggerheads over American hurdler Danny Harris, cleared by USATF to run after serving two years of a four-year cocaine ban hut still banned by the IAAF.

Cassell, 57, said he expected the U.S. federation to discuss his ideas at its annual convention later this year and then submit proposals to the IAAF congress next year before the world championships in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Cassell said be wanted athletes, agents and meeting organisers included in IAAF decision-making to prevent the sport from fracturing.

He said both the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) and the Association

of Tennis Professionals (ATP) "appeared to grow up ontside of the governing

"So it's my feeling that if they (athletes, agents and organisers) are going to be inside the IAAF, all of those people need to be members some way and need to have some voice in what's happen-

And that voice, he said, should include participation

in decision-making.
"The International Olympie Committee (IOC) and the LAAF have athletes' commissions, but I'm talking about more than that," Cassell said. "I'm talking about each of the national federations bringing an athlete to the IAAF congress, and having them included in the making of rules and regulations."

He said athletes were already involved in the U.S. Olympic Committee and USATF "and it's created a

Stefan Edberg

MAHWAH, New Jersey (R)

- Steffi Graf received ster-

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pected but rallied to overtake

American Lisa Raymond 4-6,

6-4, 6-1 in a 100-minute final

Sunday to win the \$150,000

Graf, who received a re-ported guarantee of \$350,000

to spruce up the field, won

the tournament for a fifth

time. Raymond, a semifinal-

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It was the first meetin

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"She took me by surprise,"

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Pathmark Tennis Classic.

Edberg crushes Stoltenberg in D.C. tennis classic final WASHINGTON (R) Edberg, seventh in the world, broke the 47th-ranked Second-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden saved his hest tennis for the last and

crushed 14th seed Jason Stoltenberg of Australia 6-4, 6-2, in 71 minutes on Sunday to win the \$625,000 D.C. tennis classic Sunday.

Edberg, who won his fourtb tournament of the year and increased his career record to 6-0 against Stoltenberg, did not drop a set this week, despite struggling with his normally reliable serve in his matches leading up to the

In the final Edberg lifted his first serve percentage to 69 per cent, from bis week average of 49 per cent. Instead, it was Stolten-

berg's serve that was suspect throughout the final, as the Australian double-faulted five times, all on crucial stoltenberg for a 2-0 first set lead on a double-fault, and again in the same game of the second set on two doublefaults from the Australian.

Although Edherg lost his serve twice in the first set, he eventually won it by breaking Stoltenberg in the 10th game with two backhand passing

Edberg raced to a 3-0 lead in the second set and reached 5-2 by playing aggressively on his serve, which he did not lose in the second set.

In the final game of the match, Stottenberg reached 40-0 with an ace, but Edberg attacked on every point and pushed the score to deuce. Four points later, Stottenberg double-faulted on match

Edberg said that he hoped to use this success as a momentum builder for the U.S. Open, as he lost in the first round at the French Open and the second round at Wimbledon.

"I'd be very happy to go into the U.S. Open playing like this," Edberg said. Once I got my serve going, I fett I was playing as good as I have since April. My confidence is back. It will make me want to go out and practice during the next two

Stoltenberg said Edberg was simply too tough for him. "He's played a lot of finals, and it shows," Stoltenberg said. "He stepped up the level of his game and kept the pressure on me. I served a few bad doubles, but I'm not unhappy with way I played."

Asia proposes panel to sort out extra World Cup slots

Asia, seeking two more World Cup slots, said Monday an independent panel should decide on the allocation of the eight extra places in the 1988 finals in France.

"It is important that there should be logic and rationale to this that all countries in the world can see," Asian Football Confederation (AFC) General Secretary Peter Velappan said. World soccer's governing

body FIFA announced before the World Cup in the United States that the finalists will be increased from 24 to 32 teams in France. An AFC proposal put for-

ward by their newly-elected President Sultan Ahmad Shah of Malaysia calls for "an independent panel of ex-perts" to look at primarily non-footballing factors like population and economic growth rates to decide which confederations deserve the

extra places. The 4-member AFC's mitiative is seen as an attempt to swing FIFA's political focus away from traditional soccer beavyweights in Europe and South America to developing regions like Asia and Africa.

FIFA has indicated the division of the extra places will be decided at an executive

September. But fierce lobbying has already begun.

Saudi Arabia became the second Asian side to go through to the second round while South Korea failed only on goal difference to qualify Asia bas been offered an extra place, but Velappan insists the continent needs two more places for a total of

"Both Asiau teams achieved a critical breakthrough at the World Cup in that they proved our faith and trust in the development of Asian football which few people outside the region be-lieved in," he said.

Graf found berself in deep trouble as Raymond, a second-year professional, combined an excellent serving game with accurate ground strokes to take the first set and break in the seventh game of the second

set for a 4-3 lead. Graf was not satisfied with her returns, but ber serves were ou target in the final set and a half. She finished with 11 aces to seven for Raymoud, who had none in

After Raymond's service break in the second set, Graf went to work and the American's game wilted under the

ranked Raymond, U.S. col- . The 25-year-old German star cracked three deep returns to force errors and got the other point ou a backband approach that drew another miscue to break back I shouldn't have."

at love and Graf swept five more games to claim the set and lead 3-0 in the third. Raymoud admitted that the chance to beat Graf in

straight sets brought on in-

Graf beats Raymond in Pathmark final

tense pressure and she crack-"I was in a kind of a shock when I had a chance to serve for 5-3," said the 20-year-old Raymond, who had an 11-11

record on the tour for the first balf of the year. "My mind got ahead of itself. What I should have done was pretend that I was

behind and served it out." Raymoud attacked frequently in the closing games, but constantly missed from the uet. "She forces you to think you have to hit to the fines and 1 went for too much," said Raymond in explaining wby she constantly overshot on ber volleys. " was trying for perfection and



Steffi Graf

Indurain has rendez-vous next year

PARIS (AP) — In his final French TV interview following the Tour de France. Miguel Indurain was asked for a few words in French.
With a hit of hesitancy. Indurain said in French -Thank you everyone, Until

next year."

That's what everyone is waiting for. The 1995 tour to see if Indurain can win his fifth consecutive title.

"There's still a year to go before the fifth one and we have to train with hope and drive," Indurain said. "Whether it's possible or not, unity the road can say for

He has been making look easy. He finished his fourth in a row by cursbing his opponents by the largest victory

margin in six years. With Sunday's victory, the Spaniard joined cycling exhaustion.

greats Jacques Anquetil of France and Eddy Merckx of Belgium as the only riders to win cycling's greatest event four conseuctive years.

France's Bernard Hinault have won five, but never in straight years. Indurain will have his chance at history in 1995. Only the daring would bet against him.

And if he keeps riding the way he did this year, Indurain may do what no rider bas ever managed — win six Induraiu turned 30 this

year. But he just seemed to et stronger, one by one knocking out his biggest challengers of the past - Tony Romin Claudio Chiapucci and Gianni Bugno. All were gone by the end of the second week, victims of illness or

"Rominger, Chaîppucci and the others were sick ... 1 think a lot of riders enter the tour tired after a lot of early season races," Indurain said. anyone. You have to begin with reserves."

Indurain won by the biggest margin since 1988, crossing the line five minutes, 39 seconds ahead of Piotr Ugrumov of Latvia. Marco Pantani of Italy was third, 7:19

It was the largest difference hetween first and second in the tour since 1988 wbeu luduraiu's former teammate, Pedro Delgado. won by more than seven mi-

"I'm not going downhill yet," Indurain smiled. "After my third place in the Tour of Italy, everyone started questioning things. I answered on the road, in the tour."

Among the crowds cheering bim ou the Champs Eleysees were eight busloads of people from Villava, his Pyreuecs bornetown of 7,500. Back bome, cycling fans rang church bells, shot off fireworks and uncorked cham-

pagne. Induraiu rode near the head of the pack most of the day on the 21st stage from Euro Disueyland to the Champs-Elysees, a total of 175 kilometres (109 miles).

The stage was wou by France's Eddy Seigneur, who overtook Frankie Andreu of



Marco Pantini on the final podium Surday in The winner of the 81st Tour de France, Spaniard Miguel Indurain (centre), is joined Paris (AFP photo) by Russian Piotr Ugrumov (left) and Italy's

Ugrumov, second to Indu-

the United States in the last 200 metres. Andreu tried to break away in the final two kilometres (1.2 miles), but

This year's race started in Lille, northern France, on July 2 and covered 3,986 kilometres (2,479 miles) in a counterclockwise course around the country, with a crossing of the English Chanuel thrown in for good mea-

rain in last year's Tour of Italy, moved from ninth to second after winning two stages and taking second in another in the Alps.

The Latvian beat Indurain by more than three minutes in the last individual time trial, but Indurain had the tour won by then.

Americans fared poorly. Three-time champion Greg Lemond — the last person before Indurain to win the tour - dropped out less than a week after the tour started It may be his last - the GAN team said it will not re-sign him next year.

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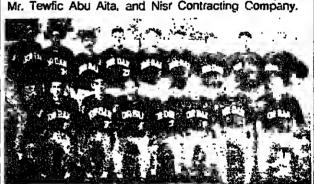
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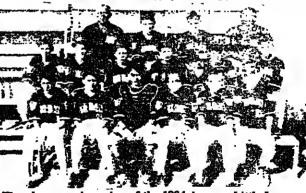
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Pass

Opening lead: Three of †
This hand was played in the Life
Masters Pairs event at the recent
summer North American Championships held in Washington, D.C.
Follow the proceedings and decide
whether anyone is at fault in the
bidding or play and, if so, who. Remember the game is duplicate and
overtricks, or undertricks, are
erucial.

A low spade was led to the king and ace. Declarer played three rounds of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy, then ruffed a spade. The king of hearts was ducked by East and the trump continuation went to the ace.

East and the trump continuation went to the ace.

East, Heury Bethe of New York, found the killing defense—he returned a diamond. Declarer could not get off the table without allowing West to ruff the third diamond, so the defenders collected two tricks. What a your verdict?

It is not easy to spot, but declarer could have made 12 tricks. Before leading the second heart, declarer should have cashed the ace and king of dismonds. If a defender were to ruff, declarer would be no worse off than with the adopted line. As the cards lie, East has only spades left on winning the ace of bears. Declarer can ruff the spade return, draw the outstanding trump and score a rhird diamond for a second overtrick.



Congratulations to East on fine The auction was certainly normal. Once South could bid volun-terily at the two-level, North had defense and to any of our readers who charged declarer with a miscue. Please call for reservation, Tel: 689671/2-666140

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U.S. aims for Israel-Syria declaration of principles

CAIRO (Agencies) — The United States is aiming for a Syrian-Israeli declaration of principles by reconciling the two countries' positions in peace negotiations, a Cairo weekly reported Monday. But Syria has rejected the

proposal while Israel raised reservations, said Al Arabi.
It quoted informed sources at the Syrian foreign ministry as saying that Egypt, whose President Hosni Mubarak visited Damascus on Sunday, was working to deal with Syria's nhjectinns.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher submitted the peace plan during his Middle East tour last week.

Under the plan to sign a declaration of principles, direct talks would be held in Cairo at a high level between the two countries. A diplnmatie source in

Cairn confirmed details of the plan and told AFP that Syria objected on the grounds that U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 onexchanging land for peace made no mentinn of normalisation of ties with Israel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Settlement hosts summer camps for extremists

KIRYAT ARBA (AP) — Summer camp at this West Bank

settlement started Monday with a quiet prayer at the

graveside of Baruch Goldstein whn carried out the Hehron

mosque massacre. Then it was time for activities, inclu-

diong weapons training. "This is a symbol, because they

want to stop us," organiser Itamar Ben-Gvir told the Associated Press. He was referring to the government's

han on extremist groups like Kach after Goldstein — a

Kiryat Arba resident and Kach follower — shot dead at

least 30 Muslim worshippers in a Hebron mosque on Feb.

25. The camp, taking place mostly at the settlement's

athletic field, was nrganised by former Kach activists who

were careful not to flout the law. Instead of weariong

banned yellow Kach T-shirts, they wore yellow T-shirts

boastiong "We are all Kahane," a reference to the late founder of Kach, Meir Kahane, who was assassinated in

New York in 1990. On the back of the T-shirts was the

Israeli guard jalled for attack on Palestinian

TEL AVIV (AFP) — An Israeli border guard was jailed for a year on Monday for beationg up a Palestinian worker, court officials here said. The Tel Aviv district court condemned Yitkhiel Shitrit to one year in jail, with two years suspended, for attacking Ahmad Djinjiria from the West Bank who had travelled to Tel Aviv without a work

permit on April 13. The border guard and two colleagues

took Mr. Djinjiria to an isolated spot where they broke two of his ribs and stole his wallet. The Palestinian lodged a

complaint. The two other guards have already been

TEHRAN (AFP) — Police seized almost 600 kilogrammes

of opium near the Pakistani border in southeast Iran,

mostly from a camel caravan, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported Monday. Security forces seized 534 kilogrammes of opium in a raid nn the camel caravan ion

the Dashtak regison of Sistan in Baluchistan province, but the traffickers managed to escape, it said. Also since Saturday, they seized 60 kilogrammes of opium and others drugs during routione checks sin the Zahedan and Iran-

ERBIL (AFP) — Twenty people were killed over the past

week in clashes between the two main Kurdish groups-controlling northern Iraq, Kurdish official Yunis Rosh-beanyi said Monday. Sixteen were killed last Tuesday when

the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic

Union of Kurdistan (PUK) clashed in Beharka village, near

Erbil, according to Mr. Roshbeanyi, the reginn's "interior

minister." Fnur nther were killed in Erbil as a dispute over

water turned violent, he added. There were also an

3 killed in Aswan sand mound collapse

CAIRO (AP) - Two men and a teenage boy suffocated

Monday when a sand mound gave way, trapping them

underneath, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported. The accident occurred in Al Shala area near

Aswan, a tourist centre, 700 kilometres south of Cairo.

MENA identified the victims as Fawzi Hussein, 40; his

13-year-old son Karim, and an assistant, Abdul-Rahim

Suleiman, 46. The agency said they were digging at the base of the sand mnund when it gave way. Mnhammad

Bassiouni, head of the Aswan civil defence force, told

MENA that incorrect quarrying led in the collapse.

7 killed in Pakistan shrine roof collapse

KARACHI (AFP) - Seven people were killed and 20

injured when the roof nf an ancient shrine to a Muslim saint, Lal Shahhaz Qalandar, collapsed Monday, officials

said. The maion dome of the shrine in Sehwan Sharif town

195 kilometres north of here, had caved in while worship-

pers were ion the prayer hall. Relief agencies had earlier

feared dozens of people were trapped inside. However,

officials told AFP by telephone that most of the rubble had

been cleared hy sunset and only seven bodies had been

retrieved. They did not expect the toll to rise. Preliminary

investigations indicate thast the dome of the 200-year-old

structure had been weakened by heavy monsoon rains

earlier this month. The shrine to the mystic saint Shahbaz

Qalandar, who has a large following in Pakistan and

PARIS (AP) - Air traffic controllers in southeast France

returned to work Monday after a three-day strike that

stranded tens of thousands of travellers on one of the

husiest summer weekends. Delays of 25 minutes were

reported for airplanes flying over the region, a minor irritant compared to the five to six hour waits and

thousands of cancelled flights from Friday through Sunday.

The strike hy controllers at the Aix-en-Provence regional

centre affected not only French domestic flights but planes

flying between northern and southern Europe. Flights

linking Germany, Britain and Switzerland with sunny

Spain, Italy, Portugal and Tunisia were hadly affected.

elsehwere, attacts thousands of devotees each year.

Flights still delayed in France

unspecified number of wounded in the clashes.

Twenty killed in Kurdish feuding

shahr regions of the same province.

Iran police seize 500 kilos of opium

inscription, "We shall not be broken,"

The United States, as chief sponsor of the Middle East peace process, proposed that 'examination of the questions linked to normalisation be delayed until we reach a declaration of principles."

But Israel wanted Syria to agree on the principle of total normalisation before the signing of a declaration of

The U.S. plan also called for a compromise in the timetable for Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights it seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war. Syria wanted the pullout completed within a year while Israel had proposed

cight years. In Damascus, official newspapers reiterated nn Monday that Syria would not budge from the principle of Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arah land in return for a comprehensive peace deal between the Arabs and Jewish state.

Mr. Assad praised efforts made by Mr. Christopher to revive the Syrian-Israeli peace talks but said no tangi-

King voices pride in his people

Following is the text of King Hussein's address after the signing of the Washington Declaration:

President Clinton, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin, ladies and gentlemen, And so it is that on this day

"He (Christopher) is ex-

erting good efforts. Naturally

we can't say that the peace

process is facing a deadlock and we can't say it is moving

Mr. Christopher shuttled

between Syria and Israel be-fore returning to Washington

on Friday. He told reporters

on his plane on the way home

that the two countries had

moved beyond "psychologic-al testing" of each other. Asked what was the formu-

accepted by Syria to link a

withdrawal from the Golan

and the normalisation of ties

with Israel, Mr. Assad said:

reached this point yet. The contacts carried by the U.S.,

including those by Warren Christopher, are being car-ried out within the framework of the peace pro-cess and the Madrid peace

"The process is now at

what we could describe as an

exploratory stage or some-thing like this. It is still early

warplanes

S. Lebanon

SIDON (Agencies) — Israeli

jets bombed resistance stron-

gholds in the Iqlim at-Toufah

ridge in southern Lebanon in

a raid Monday, security offic-

Fnur Israeli bombers fired

eight missiles at positions of

the Hizbollah movement in a 10-minute raid. Clouds of

smoke rose above the targets.

Hizbollah guerrillas and Lebanese soldiers retaliated

with heavy artillery fire and a

There were no immediate

Earlier an Israeli officer

was killed in artillery ex-

changes between the Israeli army and Hizbollah guerril-las, security officers in Mar-

Israel's proxy South Leba-

non Army (SLA) militia said several soldiers were also

wounded in the shelling of

soura, in Israel's self-

The shells were fired from

The attacks came shortly

declared "security zone."

the Iqlim at-Toufah ridge.

after Israli forces unleashed

an eight-hour artillery bar-

rage against Hizbollah stron-

gholds in the Bekaa Valley,

Hizbollah said in a state-

ment from Beirut that it had

killed or wounded "a large

number of men" in shelling

and an attack on an Israeli

Security sources said

Lebanese guerrillas wounded three Israeli soldiers in South

Lebanon on Monday and

fired Katyusha rockets at a

village on the Israeli border. They said a Sagger missile apparently fired by Hizbollah

fighters hit an Israeli military

vehicle near the village of

Lnnhiye, in Israel's self-declared South Lehanon

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at this house of the great American people we have been able to take a historic step which we hope and pray will be to the benefit of our peoples within our entire region — Jordanians, Israelis and others. This is the monent of a commitment and of

Not all of what is possible is within the document we have just ratified, but a modest, determined beginning to bring to our region and our peoples the security from fear, which I must admit has prevailed over all the years of our lives, the uncertainty of every day as to how it might end, the suspicion, the bitterness, the lack of human con-

We are on our way now truly towards what is normal in relations between our peoples and ourselves and what worthy. We will meet as often as we are able to and as required with pleasure to shepherd this process on in the times ahead. At this moment, I would

like to share with you all the pride I have in my people, the people of Jordan, and their maturity and their courage and, in what I have been hlessed with, their trust and confidence and I believe the commitment of the overwhelming majority to the cause of peace.

The term used in international documents as they affected us so far is the state of belligerancy and the end of the state of belligerency. I think both in Arabic and Hebrew our people do not have such a term. But we have accomplished and what we are committed to is the end of the state of war between Jordan and Israel.

Thank you so very much indeed, Mr. President, for all Thank you, Prime Minis-

Thank you, all our dear friends. A warm thanks to the American people — our partners in the past, in the present, and in the future. God bless you and bless our march for the future and towards the future of peace in our region.

Clinton: King and Rabin give their people a new life

Following is the text of President Clinton's speech at the signing of the Washington Declaration on Monday:

ter and Mrs. Rabin, distinguished guests,

Today we gather to bear witness to history. As this century draws to a close, a new era of peace opens before us in ancient lands as brave men choose reconcilia-

tion over conflict. Today, our faith is renewed. As we write a new chapter in the march of hope over despair on these grounds and at this historic table, we remember the courage of Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin and the leadership of President Carter at Camp David 15 years ago, the efforts of President Bush to bring Israel and her neighbours together in Madrid two years ago, and that shining September day last year when Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat declare that their two peoples would fight no more.

Today, in that same spirit, King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin will sign the Washington Declaration. After generations of hostility. blood and tears, the leaders of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Israel will solemnly declare with the world as their witness that they have ended the state of belligerency between them. From this day forward, they pledge to settle their differ-

ences by peaceful means. Both countries will refrain from actions that may adversely affect the security of the other and will thwart all those who would use terrorism to threaten either

It takes but a minute or two to cross the River Jordan, but for as long as most of us can remember, the distance has seemed immense. The awful power of ancient arguments and the raw wounds of recent wars have give their people a new cur-. rency of hope and the chance to prosper in a region of Under the Washington Declaration, Jordan and Israel have agreed tn continue vigorous negotiations to produce a treaty of peace based

Jordanians and Palestinians

unable to imagine, much less

build, a life of peace and

security. Today King Hussein

and Prime Minister Rabin

on Security Council resolu-tions 242 and 338. King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin will meet as often as necessary to shepherd and personally direct those negotiations. Their objective is a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and all its neighbours, a peace in which each acknowledges and respects the territorial integrity and political independence of all nthers and their right to live in peace within secure and recognised

boundaries. In the meantime, Jordan and Israel have decided to take immediate steps to normalise relations and resolve disputes in areas of common concern. They have agreed to survey the international border based on the work of their boundary subcommission. They have resolved that negotiations on water resources should aim to establish the rightful allocation between the two sides of the waters of the Jordan and Yarmouk Rivers. They have determined that their police forces will cooperate in combating crime, with a special emphasis on drug smnggling. They have set up as their joint purpose the abolition of all economic boycotts and the

econnmic cooperation. And, as of today, Jordan

establishment of a hilateral

and to let the peoples of the world share in the wonders of their lands. They will establish direct telephone links, connect two nations' electricity grids, open two border crossings between their nations, including one at Aqaba and Eilat and another in the north, accelerate the negotiations aimed at opening an international air corridor between the two countries, and give free access to third country tourists travelling hetween their two nations.

These are the huilding hlocks of a modern peace m ancient holy lands.

Your Majesty, at our first meeting you wrote me a after our first meeting you wrote me a heartfelt letter in which you referred to your revered grandfather, King Abdullah. You told me that his untimely assassination at the entrance to Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque had come at a time when he was intent on making peace with Israel.
The Washington Declaration is the product of much hard work. Less than a year ago, Crown Prince Hassan of

Peres of Israel met here publicly for the first time. Together, with the wise counsel and persistent energy of the secretary of state, Warren Christopher, Israel and Jordan have pursued peace, and we are all in their deht. Had he completed his mission, you said to me, your region would have been

Jordan and Foreign Minister

tour decades of war. Today, 43 years later, Abdullah's grandson has fulfilled his legacy.

And in the declaration you will sign, your role as guar-dian of Jerusalem's Muslim's holy sites, Al Aqsa among them, has been preserved, and Israel has agreed to accord a high priority to Jnrdan's historic role regarding

first visited me in the White House, you spoke eloquently of your soldier's life defending and guiding your nation through four bloody decades of struggling to survive. You told me your people had had enough bloodshed, that this was time to make peace. Ten months ago you stood on this same lawn and shook the hand of Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestinian people. Today yon stand together with King Hussein, descendant of the Prophet Mohammad, to declare that Jordan and Israel have ended their conflict. In holding ont to your people the bope of a normal, secure life, you, sir, have fulfilled the mission of your life and of all those who have fought by your side for

Now, as we go forward, we must guard against illusions. Dark forces of hatred and violence still stalk your lands. We must not let them succeed. King Hussein, Prime Minister Rabin, as you and your people embark on this journey of peace, we know the road will not be easy. Just as we have supported you in coming this far; the United States will walk the final

miles with you. We must all go on until we ensure that the peace you are seeking prevails in the Holy Land and extends to all Israel's Arah neighbours. Our common objective of a comprehensive peace must be achieved.

Now as we witness the signing of this declaration and applaud the bravery of these men, let us remember that peace is much more than a pledge to abide by words on a page. It is a bold attempt to write a new history. Guided by the hlessings of God, let us now go forward and give life tn this declaration, for if we follow its course, we will truly erations.

Chris Woodson. Kelly, 81, best known for the musicals Singin' In The Rain and An American In Paris, was admitted to the huspital Saturday afternoon, Mr. Woodson said. It was not certain whether he had suffered any permanent damage or when he would be released, Mr. Woodson said. Kelly won acclaim as an Kelly won acclaim as an actor, choreographer, singer and director in a varied career that won him a special Academy Award, but he is known best for his exuberant, to make the dance, in costume and movement, akin to the world we were living in, Kelly once said. "I wanted to dance (like) sailors, fighters, steel workers and truck drivers." Kelly was awarded a special Academy Award in 1951 "in appreciation of his versatility as actor, singer, director and dancer, and especially for his hrilliant achievements in the art of

U.K. mother: baby lost weight during kidnap

LONDON (R) — A British mother whose haby was kid-

Clinton rocks 'N' rolls at reunion

HOT SPRINGS. Ark. (AP) - He mingled with old buddies, posed for pictures and danced to '60s rock 'N' roll. By all accounts, President Mr. Clinton had a hall at his 30-year high school class reunion. Mr. Clinton and his fellow baby boomers from the Hot Springs High School class of '64 partied from Saturday night into Sunday morning in the ballroom of the Arlington Hntel, scene of their senior prom. "It's just like 1964 when we did it the first time," classmate David Leopoulos said as the private party rocked toward midnight. "He's dancing with friends, visiting with everyone. "He's taking part in everything just as if there's nothing else going on in the world." Security was tight but not stifling as Secret Service agents closed off the hotel's second floor. The crowd of more than 300 began gathering before 7 p.m. Saturday. Mr. Clinton arrived around 8:30 p.m. and spent 20 minutes posing for pictures and exchanging hugs and slaps on the back from old classmates. He eventually got into the swing of things. mingling with old friends and dancing occasionally as a disc jockey played "twist and shout" and other pop hits from the '60s.

and Israel have agreed to these holy sites in final status achieve a peace of the gennegotiations. take the first practical steps to draw their people together left generations of Israelis, Prime Minister, when you Thank you very much.

ness of the event," which he described as "a catastrophe." "Failing to increase the opposition to this national catastrophe is the historie responsibility of the leadership of all parties and political movements in the Kingdom,"

Katyusha rockets exploded Dr. Said said. just ontside the Israeli-held But Mr. Mansour asserted village of Kfar Kila almost on that the oppositinn was movthe border demarcation line. ing within a clear programme which would use different forms to voice its position asthe peace process continues.

The hostilities came on the first anniversary of the heaviest Israeli hlitz of South Lebanon since its 1982 inva-sion. At least 150 people were killed and nearly 500 wounded in the weeking The apposition did not want to mobilise its supporters today. It wanted a symbolic expression of its position and this is not the end of Israeli air, sea and artillery onslaught on Lebanon-based it," Mr. Mansour said. guernillas July 1993.

Critics of peace process on low wavelength Monday's sit-in was to refute the government's "claim that

the majority of the Jordanian people are behind the talks." "When you have the representatives of eight political parties and professional unions protesting the talks, it means not all the people are behind them," said Mr. Man-

Mr. Mansour said the Islamists will continue to protest the peace negotiations with Israel in all available legal and constitutional manners as IAF Secretary General Ishaq Al Farhan said normalisation with Israel will not occur even if hundreds of

accords are signed.
The IAF's stress on "constitutional opposition" seen as a sign of maturity by the Islamists.

"The ideological, idealistic and other opposition groups responded to the democratic change with great responsi-bility and flexible pragmatism that denounced violence and adopted realism without

compromising their princi-ples," prominent Deputy Abdul Karim Al Kabariti told the Jordan Times. "Yon find the leadership of the Islamists acting in a flexihle and realistic manner and with a great deal of political responsibility," he said.

Supporters of the peace process emphasise "realism" when they explain the reaction of the Islamists to the Washington summit.

When it comes to the King, observers say, there is no mistaking on whose side the people will stand; they are

majority is supportive of the peace process observers said, citing the business-as-usual state of affairs in the Kingdom Monday as a proof. King Hussein acknow-

behind the King. The silent

ledged the stand of the people in the White Hnuse yesterday.
"At this moment, I would

like to share with you all the pride I have in my people, the people of Jordan, and their maturity and their courage and, in what I believe I have been hlessed with, their trust and confidence and I believe the commitment of the overwhelming majority to the cause of peace," King Hussem said at the South Lawn of the White House after signing the Washington

Jordanian views differ on peace process, outcome By Mariam M. Shahin

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - As His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin marked history with their first ever public meeting in Washington Monday, some Jordanians at home had markedly different views about the Kingdom's move to accelerate the peace process and move closer to peace with the Israelis.

Many husiness people expressed hope that peace will result in an economic and social unity between Jordan and the Palestinian self-rule areas which, they believe, will reap great benefits for Jordan. Meanwhile, traditional Jordanian nationalist politicians expressed anger at and frustration with the peace policy which they see as undermining Jurdan's long-term independence and character.

He said the objective of

Business magnates like Dr. Kamal Shaer, who heads one of the largest engineering consultancy companies in the Middle East - Dar Al Handaseh, is one Jordanian who has great hopes for the fu-

"I am-a firm believer that peace is coming; one of the side products of the peace will be the development of the Palestinian economy which will not only be economically beneficial for us, hut will also contribute to stability in this region as a whole," said Dr. Shaer.

"It is a long process, but 1

to greater prosperity for all in Dr. Shaer, who is a member of Jordan's 40-seat Sen-

ate, speaks nf a "common market' (Jordanian-Palestinian market) with future expansion which would include Egypt, Syria and Lebanon and with some economic cooperation with

"After all," says Dr. Shaer, "we were one country. So why should we not at least have one market? The Jordanian dinar is already the most favourite currency in the occupied territories."

Dr. Shaer, along with nther Jordanian business-men, like Khalil Talhouni and Khaldoun Abu Hassan, have aiready invested in both believe it will ultimately lead Jordan and Palestine of the

All three business tycoons have invested in the Palestine

Company for Development and Investment (PCDI), a \$200-million-Palestinian offshore public shareholding company registered in Liber-ia, which elected Dr. Shaer, a native of Salt, as president of the board of trustees. Dr. Shaer's cnmpany

already has sketches of proiects in the West Bank up on its office walls in Jabal Hus-Likewise, Khalil Talhouni

is preparing for the time of peace, financing the building of one of the five new megahotels being huilt outside Petra to accommodate the increased flow of tourists Jordan is expected to get as a result of the peace accords

But not all Jordanians are husinessmen and not all are optimistic about the future of the Kingdom in times of peace with Israel.

Highly vocal critic of Palestinian-Jordanian integration, former Lower House of Parliament Deputy Dr. Ahmed Aweidi Ahbadi, has made it his full-time job to bash normalisation policies and promote the protection of Jordanian markets and of Jordan's national identity.

With a doctorate degree in political science from Cambridge University, Dr. Ahba-di says that "real peace" means "Jordan for Jordanians" and "Palestine for the Palestinians,"

(Continued on page 7)

Actor Gene Kelly suffers mild stroke LOS ANGELES (R) -Gene Kelly, the acclaimed actor and dancer noted for chanon

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both the elegance and athleticism of his dancing, was in stable condition Sunday after suffering a stroke, a hospital spokesman said. "He's resting comfortably. He suffered a mild stroke," said UCLA Medical Centre spokesman Chris Woodson. Kelly, 81, seemingly spontaneous dancing. "I belonged to the sweatshirt generation and wanted choreography on film." The former dancer and actor was hospitalised in May in San

said then.

Francisco for nine days, for

treatment of cellulitis - a

hacterial infection of the

skin, in his right leg, St. Mary's Medical Centre had

napped just hours after birth said Monday she was shocked at her danghter's weight loss when she was returned to her 16 days later. Karen Humphries told the Daily Mirror newspaper her baby had lost 🐞 13 ounces (370 grams) when found hy police in a house in the central England city of Nottingham after a nationwide search. "When they brought her hack to me I was shocked at how tiny she was," Humphries said. The abduction of baby Abbie, whose weight dropped to eight lh three ounces (3.7 kg) from a healthy nine lh (4.I kg), stunned the British public. "Everyone has said how the woman who took Abbie had cared for her and looked after her. But in my opinion she didn't know what she was doing," said Humphries, a former health worker. "I would have expected her to be well beyond her birth weight. As a midwife, I would have been very concerned with a baby who was losing weight like that." But the abduction apparently did not harm the child. "She's fine. She's very contented. There are no problems at all.

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